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"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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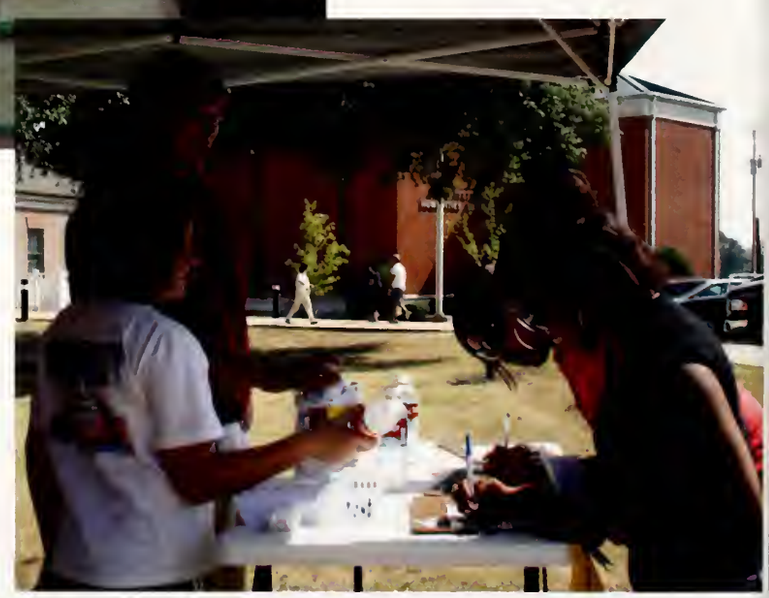
Demareo Marr of Olive Branch greets Robert Bateman at the Meet the Rangers event Aug. 23 in Ranger Stadium. (above)

Students reported to Yalobusha Hall for their green sheets to start the registration process. Sandra Slocum (left), transition specialist with Student Support Services looks through the paperwork.



Students stop for a drink of water at the tent provided by Covenant Baptist Church. Volunteers from the church were on campus to offer refreshment during registration. (right)

Cameron Blount, Intramural Sports and Recreation manager, greets students in the James P. McCormick Administration Building and gives them a copy of the *Student Guide*. (top)

Welcome Back

Too hot to handle

Registration 2007 took place in one of the hottest Augusts on record. Temperatures reached three digits for days on end. That didn't stop Northwest students from registering for class.

The heat did slow things down a bit the week before school started. Band students and athletes had to adjust to new schedules after a temporary injunction and restraining order barring all outdoor school activities between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. because of extreme heat. The order was issued Aug. 9 by Chancellor Mitchell M. Lundy.

"Our coaches are experienced in conducting safe practices in hot weather,"said Dan Smith, vice president for Student Affairs. "We take special safeguards to protect the health of our students."

When the personnel office received the notice, all coaches and band directors were informed, and the college complied with the order, according to Vice President for Educational Affairs Dr. Chuck Strong.

"Our football players have not gone out today," he said on the day the order was received. Band practice was moved from afternoon to evening.

Other students affected by the order included students participating in the college percussion band camp. "Those students practiced from 6 to 9 a.m., and from 7 p.m. to dark," said Academic Dean Dr. Marilyn Bateman. "We are always respectful of extreme heat, but we were more formal in our response this year."

Band students were one of the groups who had to take extra precautions during the extreme heat.

The first few weeks of school students adjusted to new class schedules, found the Ranger Bookstore and cafeteria, learned where to park and where NOT to park, learned how to get from one class to another in five minutes, studied and took part in campus activities, made friends, and found out what college life is all about.

Alex Shields, a freshman from Batesville and Jessica Kelsay, a freshman from Batesville, wait for a friend to get out of class. (right)

Dana Golden, a freshman from Crowder, and DaMario Felix, a freshman from Nesbit, study during a break in the library. (right, center)

Freshman Demario Lewis from Batesville; Chris Shaw, a sophomore from Senatobia; Devin Robinson, a freshman from West Point; Ned Stokes Jr., a freshman from Clarksdale; Daryl Hines, a freshman from Jacksonville, Fla. and Isaac Morris, a freshman from Clarksdale spend time in the cafeteria after lunch. (lower, right)

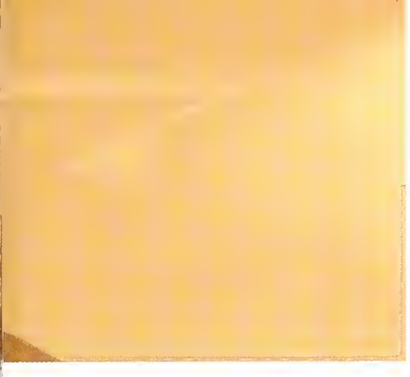
Cell phones are everywhere! Nathan Pedersen, a sophmore from Hernando, catches up with his friend in front of the R.C. Pugh Library on the Senatobia campus. (left)

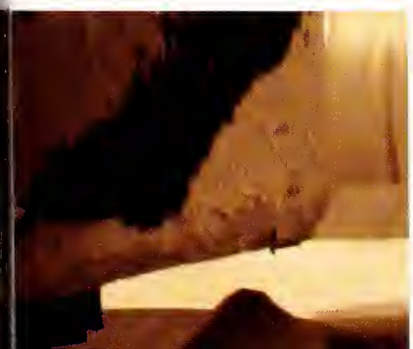
C.D. Warren, a freshman from Crowder, Jon Baker, a sophomore from Senatobia, Joby Griffin, a freshman from Batesville and Elliott Watson a freshman from Grenada, take advantage of the fall weather and kick a few rounds of hackey sack. (top)

Jamaal Wallace, a freshman from Charlrston and Andrew Pickens, a freshman from Charleston, race on the obstacle course. (above left)

Amanda Slater, a sophomore from Como, is the first to slip down the slide in a Student Activities-sponsored event. (left)

HOME ON THE RANGE





"Home is the place where we are treated the best, but grumble the most."
— Unknown

HOMECOMING

Northwest kicked off its Homecoming events Oct. 15 as students gathered at Howard Coliseum for Movie Night and the showing of the recent football movie "We Are Marshall." The following afternoon and evening Northwest hosted a theme-related event where students could practice their cowboy shooting skills with Laser Tag and their bull riding skills on a mechanical bull. Senatobia campus students had the opportunity to make their own personal Homecoming Tie-Dye T-shirts Oct. 17, which always promises to be a favorite event for the student body. The annual breakfast reception at DeSoto Center in Southaven was held Oct. 19. Northwest also welcomed back Ken Whitener for the ninth year. Whitener is a hypnotist who always delivers an outstanding, memory-making evening for the students. It is one of the events that students always look forward to, and again they packed the Fine Arts Auditorium to capacity.

Northwest students (left) had the opportunity to test their bull riding skills during Homecoming week.

Senatobia campus students and faculty (above left) had the opportunity to make their own personal Homecoming Tie-Dye T-shirts Oct. 17. Disability Support Services Officer Mike Dottorey gets in on the fun. (above left)

Hypnotist Ken Whitener entertained Northwest students by turning students into the late Elvis Presley Oct. 19. (above, center)

Northwest residence halls were decorated for Homecoming. In the Lawn Display competition, DeSoto Hall took home first place, Benton Hall took second place, and the Cosmetology Club was the third place winner. (above, right)

Northwest hosted a sidewalk art contest in Ranger Square Oct. 19. Students (left) took part in exhibiting their gifts of art vying for the $100 cash prize. The team of Brittany Donald and Danny Young took home first place with Cory Walton as the second runner-up and Vinson Joiner in third place.

Students tested their cowboy shooting skills with Laser Tag as part of Homecoming festivities. (right)

Hypnotist Ken Whitener (left) entertained Northwest students Oct. 19.

HOMECOMING COURT

Northwest sophomore Samanthia Bradley of Senatobia was crowned 2007 Homecoming queen by Northwest President, Dr. Gary Lee Spears, during the college's halftime ceremonies at Ranger Stadium Oct. 20. Bradley, a business administration major, is a Ranger cheerleader and works in the Registrar's Office on campus. She is the daughter of Michael and Shirley Bradley.

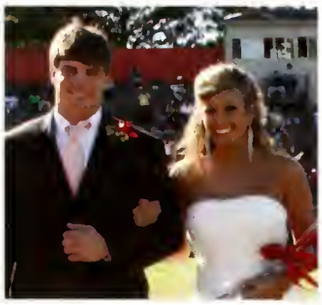
Samanthia's escort was DeMarco Sanders of Horn Lake, a history major who was recently elected Mr. NWCC for the Senatobia campus.

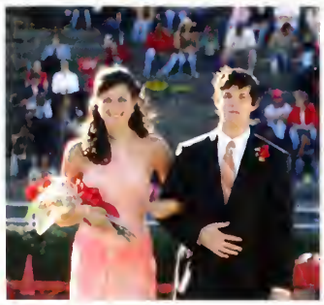
Homecoming Court

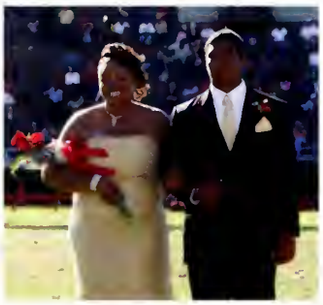
Maids and Escorts

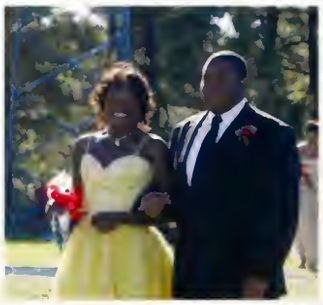
Freshmen

Freshman maids and their escorts are (l to r) Jasmine Coleman of Horn Lake, escorted by Joseph Quinley of Southaven; Lauren Barker of Hernando, escorted by Kyle Swindoll of Hernando; Emilee Jackson of Yazoo City, escorted by Stephen Burdine of Yazoo City; Heather Scott of Etta, escorted by Michael Briscoe of Oxford; Bettina Fant of Olive Branch, escorted by Onasis White of New Albany; Sareka Chapman of Batesville, escorted by Nicholas Franklin of Batesville.









Sophomores

Sophomore maids and their escorts are (l to r) Keshna Smith of Oxford, escorted by William Sanders of Abbeville; LeCatherine Ivy of Taylor, escorted by Adrian King of Tyler; Samanthia Bradley of Senatobia, escorted by DeMarco Sanders of Horn Lake; Nicole Wallace of Olive Branch, escorted by Matthew Smith of Southaven; Jessica Ricks of Horn Lake, escorted by Kent Hawkins of Sarah; Candace Johnson of Como, escorted by Earnest Ward of Senatobia.

Dr. Gary Lee Spears
Alumnus of the Year

Mike Boren, president of the Northwest Alumni Association (left) presents a plaque of recognition to Dr. Gary Lee Spears, Northwest Alumnus of the Year, during Homecoming festivities Oct. 20.

You can't spend more than a few minutes with Northwest Mississippi Community College President, Dr. Gary Lee Spears, before you are aware of his profound love of the college. Now in his third year as Northwest's eighth president, Spears has been chosen as the college's 2007 Alumnus of the Year. He was recognized during Homecoming activities at the college Oct. 20.

"It was a unanimous decision of the selection committee to choose Dr. Spears," said Dolores Wooten, manager of Alumni Affairs. "It's quite a common sight to see Dr. Spears walking around campus and bending down to pick up a piece of trash. He cares about our students and the beauty of our campus," she said.

Spears, and his wife Marilyn, can be found at many campus activities ranging from ballgames to Fine Arts activities.

"My first impression of Northwest came when I was a teenager," said Spears, who grew up in Eudora and attended Hernando High School. "A friend of our family took me to see his son play football at Hernando, and later at Northwest. I thought those ballgames were the greatest."

Spears later entered Northwest as a drafting and design technology major. After working in a few temporary jobs, he decided to enroll at the college again, this time seeking an associate's degree in education.

"While I was at Northwest I was encouraged by Mr. Howard Carpenter (former education and social science instructor) to go on to complete my education at Delta State University," said Spears.

He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in social science and a master's degree in counseling from Delta State. He began his career in education teaching junior high school history at Leland Consolidated School District while he worked on his master's degree.

Spears joined the Northwest family in 1975 as a counselor. He served the college as registrar and director of Admissions and Records for 25 years before being named President in 2005. He also held positions at Northwest as an instructor, assistant to the DeSoto Center director and vice president for Student Affairs.

In 1991, Spears earned a doctorate in educational leadership at The University of Mississippi, where he also taught courses in higher education as an adjunct instructor. For his thesis he chose to write a history of Northwest.

"I wrote about the previous presidents of this college. This report showed the style of leadership of each of these presidents—not only how that leadership framed each administration, but also how it evolved.

"I looked at the emphasis of each administration and studied the changes that took place in it. Those changes included new programs and facilities and revealed the significant contributions that each president left to the college."

For that history project he interviewed Mrs. R.D. McLendon, wife of former President R.D. McLendon, and former dean, James P. McCormick, for whom the Administration Building on the Senatobia campus is named. Interviews also included students, alumni and faculty.

Dr. Spears says he hopes one day when historians look at the significance of his administration, one of the highlights will be the new "Building on Tradition" program that was recently approved by the Board of Trustees.

This multi-million dollar, three-year capital improvement plan is comprised of three sections—future projects, current renovation projects and demolition projects to make room for future growth.

"We've been working on this plan for months," said Spears. "I know this is an ambitious plan, but those of us who have worked on it—staff, faculty and administration—agree that these are projects we need in order to move forward. I have presented this plan to our Board of Trustees, to our Foundation Board, and to various area civic organizations, and have received positive reaction from all."

While Northwest has been important to Spears, it has also played a vital role in the lives of his wife and children. "My wife, Marilyn attended Northwest and later taught for 25 years in the Child Development Technology program. Our sons, Daniel and Jared, both were students here and did well. I'm so proud that they chose to come to Northwest."

As a student, Jared was inducted into the college Hall of Fame and was involved in numerous theatre productions. He went on to The University of Mississippi where he earned a bachelor's degree and an M.F.A. and is a member of the university's faculty.

While at Northwest, Daniel worked in the Recruiting Office, was a Student Recruiter and was a member of the Ranger golf team. He also went on to earn a bachelor's degree at The University of Mississippi and is employed by the North Mississippi Regional Center in Oxford.

—Nancy Patterson

Commencement

Two dignitaries delivered commencement addresses for Northwest's 91st graduation May 18 in Howard Coliseum on the Senatobia campus. A total of 553 students participated. Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour addressed 319 Career and Technical graduates at the 10 a.m. ceremony, and Southaven Mayor Greg Davis delivered the commencement message for 234 students at the 3 p.m. ceremony.

"Northwest is a great institution," Gov. Barbour told the graduates and their families. "Generations of great leaders have come from this community college."

In his address Barbour encouraged graduates to stay and work in Mississippi. "Just like people saw New York in a different light after 9-11, the world has seen Mississippi in a new light after Hurricane Katrina." He cited examples of Mississippi's progress including the recent announcement of the new Toyota facility in the Tupelo area.

Mayor Davis, who has seen unprecedented growth in his city, has placed a priority not only on economics, but also on quality of life for city residents. He was instrumental in the City of Southaven's recent establishment of a $100,000 endowment to the college's 2+2 Scholarship Initiative, which benefits both Northwest and University of Mississippi students attending DeSoto Center.

Davis congratulated graduates for their achievements and hard work. "Now, more than ever, you should be setting new goals." His three-point formula for success included: "Believe in yourself, take pride in what you do, and never, ever quit."

Grads line up outside Howard Coliseum before the ceremony begins.

Emily Burnett receives her diploma from Dr. Gary Lee Spears.

Graduates and their families were welcomed by Northwest President, Dr. Gary Lee Spears, at both ceremonies. Northwest cosmetology major Laura McDonald of Olive Branch delivered the invocation at the morning ceremony, and accountancy major Katherine Newsom of Rolling Fork delivered the afternoon invocation. The Northwest Symphonic Band, under the direction of John Ungurait, performed "Pomp and Circumstance" for both ceremonies.

The Symphonic Band played the Alma Mater, which was led by Susanne VanDyke. The Northwest Singers performed Carmen Dragon's arrangement of "America the Beautiful."

Dr. Spears awarded diplomas and certificates, assisted at the morning ceremony by Joe Broadway, executive assistant to the president and district dean of Career-Technical Education. He was assisted at the 3 p.m. ceremony by Academic Dean, Dr. Marilyn Bateman. Nurses received pins from Director of the Division of Nursing Vicki Hale. Larry Simpson, Northwest registrar announced the graduates.

— Mary Beth Johnson

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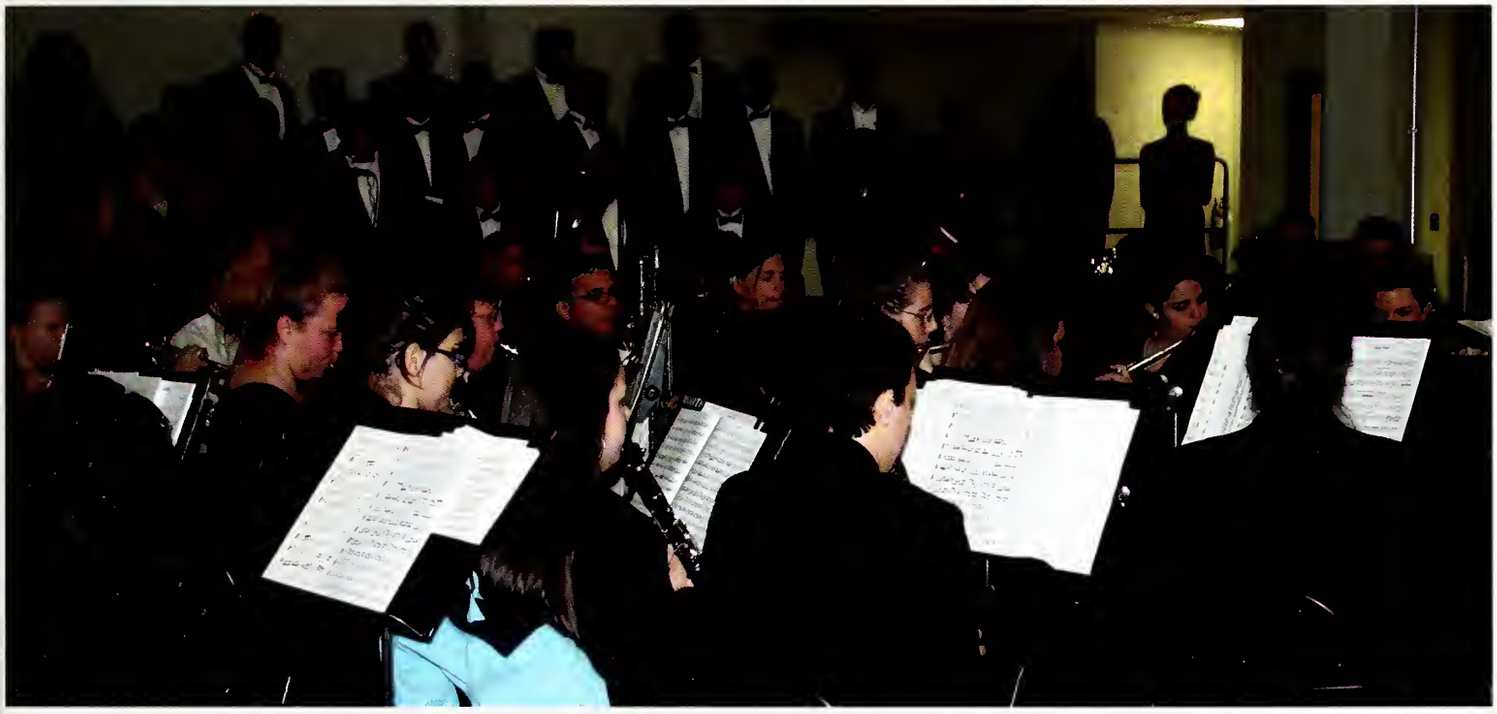
Mayor Greg Davis of Southaven (left) and Gov. Haley Barbour address graduates at Northwest's 91st Commencement.

The Northwest Band performs while the singers await their turn on stage. (below)



Smiling graduates include (counter-clockwise) Justine Hinkle of Hernando, Carmen Baskin of Oxford, Charles Herron of Grenada and Emily Burnett of Southaven; (Opposite page) David Wicker of Byhalia, Mary Beth Johnson of Olive Branch and Michelle Baird of Senatobia.

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dorm life

Students can choose the apartment-style rooming in Marshall, Benton,DeSoto, Tallahatchie or Panola where you're able to go to your kitchen and open your refrigerator and get a snack whenever you want or wash your clothes without the hassle of going down the hall with a big basket. Or you may find yourself in the more traditional rooms of Quitman, Bobo or Taylor—the land of small refrigerators, smaller quarters, and where the money you save (or didn't borrow) will help you with finances, especially if you have brand new books to buy!

Either way, staying on campus produces many memories and many lifetime friendships that spring up from the people you meet. You can't stay on campus and say you did not meet anyone new! There is always someone on campus, even on a slow day. Sometimes, especially on the weekends, there might not be much going on, but that is nothing a trip to Wal-Mart can't fix.

Out on their own, freshmen for the first time get a taste of independence and what real life is about. Living in a dorm, no matter which one, is one of the best ways to bridge from home life with your family to being on your own and starting a new, independent part of your journey. This transition is just the beginning. You have to meet those required 12 hours worth of credit. Living on campus is an experience that stays with you for a lifetime.

—Leeds Hackman

This page:
Northwest soccer players (l to r) Carli Little, Lauren Farrs and Amber Gibson relax after a game in Marshall Hall.

Opposite page:
Check out this typical room in Quitman Hall, which houses male students. (left)
Freshman Lashaunda Fryson studies in her room in Bobo Hall. (middle)
Marshall Hall, the newest residence hall on campus, has rooms for both male and female students. (right)

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mr. and miss NWCC

making memories

Debra Payne, a Secondary Education major from Lambert, and DeMarco Sanders, a History major from Horn Lake were named Mr. and Miss NWCC for the Senatobia campus.

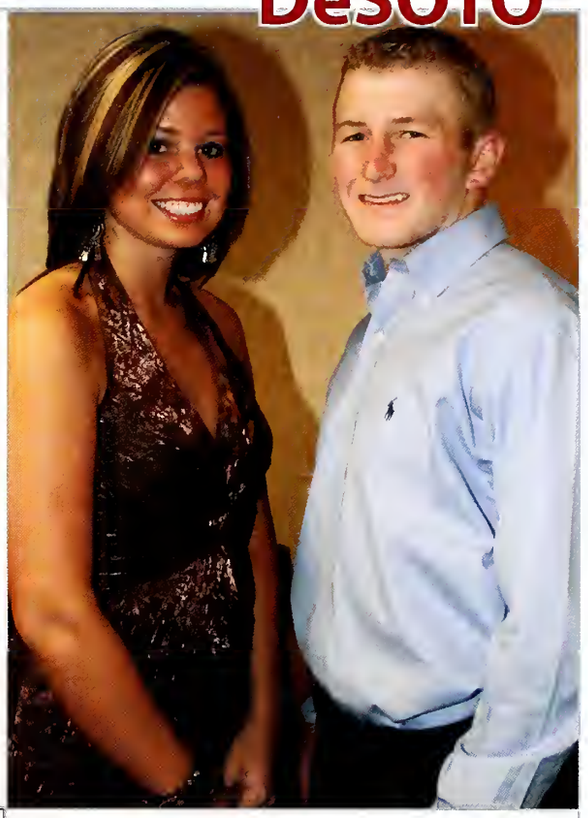
Sanders, a 20-year-old History major from Horn Lake, decided to run for Mr. NWCC on the spur of the moment and was sponsored by Quitman Hall. Sanders enjoys all kinds of sports and hopes to one day work with kids. He plans on transferring to either Mississippi State or Ole Miss to pursue a degree in history.

Payne, a 21-year-old Secondary Education major from Lambert, decided to run after a friend encouraged her to put her name on the ballot. Payne is the president of the Future Educators of America and is also a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She plans to continue her education at Delta State University and hopes to one day teach high school in Mississippi.

Sanders and Payne were both very surprised when they learned they had been elected Mr. and Miss NWCC. Sanders said, "I was really shocked because I didn't even tell anyone that I was running." Payne stated, "It was a scary experience, but I was very happy and surprised when I found out that I won."

SENATOBIA CAMPUS

DeSOTO



Jessica Hicks is an Education major from Horn Lake. She was elected to the Homecoming Court both her freshman and sophomore year. Hicks is a member of MAE and Campus Green Club. She also was in the top 10 in the Beauty Review both years at Northwest. **Jessica** plans to attend the University of Mississippi-DeSoto where she will major in counseling.

Cody Buckingham is a general college major from Olive Branch. Also a member of the Campus Green Club, he enjoys playing golf, football, basketball and working out. **Cody** plans to transfer to Mississippi State University and become a meteorologist.

lafayette-YALOBUSHA

DeWayne Willingham and Charlotte Webb were named Mr. and Miss NWCC for Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center. **DeWayne** is from Oxford, and is majoring in General College. **Charlotte** is from Holly Springs, and her major is Medical Office Technology.

EMILEE JACKSON
First runner-up

LAURI WILLIAMS
Second runner-up

REGAN DEES
Third runner-up

VICTORIA HEAD
Fourth runner-up

AMANDA RENEE BROOKS
Most Beautiful 2007

07 Beauty REVIEW

"There is nothing that makes its way more directly to the soul than beauty."

— Joseph Addison

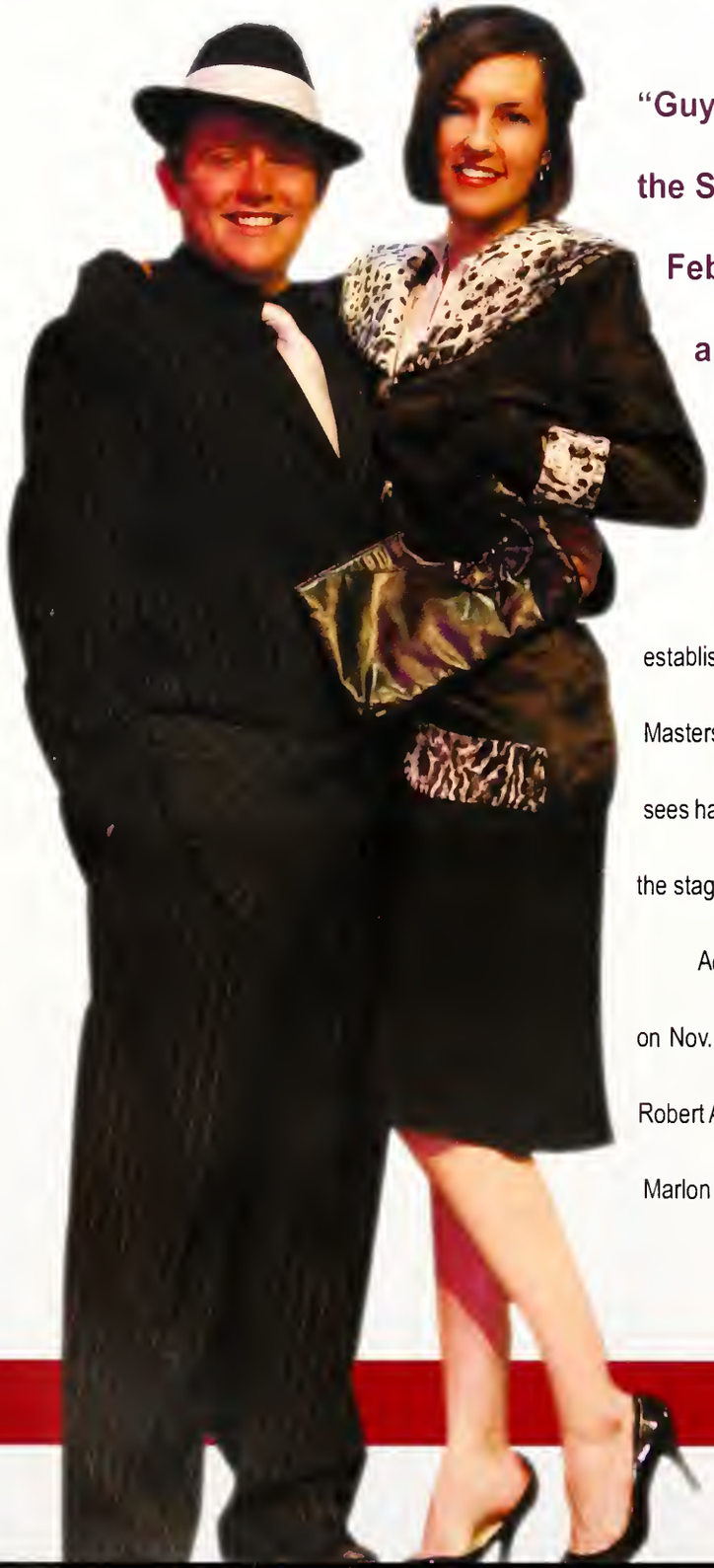
Amanda Renee Brooks, a sophomore from Scobey, won the 2007 Beauty Review at Northwest. The 19-year-old nursing major was named "Most Beautiful" out of 28 contestants in the annual pageant, which was held on Nov. 13. Brooks, who graduated from Kirk Academy in Grenada, is the daughter of Chuck and Cathy Brooks. Runners-up in the pageant were Emilee Jackson of Yazoo City, first runner-up; Lauri Williams of Senatobia, second runner-up; Regan Dees of Carthage, third runner-up; and Victoria Head of Senatobia, fourth runner-up. Other finalists were Chelsea Hadley of Byhalia, LeCatherine Ivy of Taylor, Brittany Lloyd of Batesville, Mary Petterson of Olive Branch and Crystal Rinker of Oxford. Escorts for the pageant were Colton Chambers of Southaven and Daniel Waller of Batesville. Dr. Ken Sipley, division director of Fine Arts at Northwest, served as the master of ceremonies. Emma May, Mallory McGehee, Clara Grace Watson, Josh Reeves and Bobby Rowland provided entertainment for the pageant. The director of the pageant is Pam Wooten.

Beauty Review winners (l to r), Emilee Jackson of Yazoo City, first runner-up; Lauri Williams of Senatobia, second runner-up; Amanda Renee Brooks of Scobey, winner; Regan Dees of Carthage, third runner-up; and Victoria Head of Senatobia, fourth runner-up. (Staff photo)

Twenty-eight contestants competed for the title of "Most Beautiful" at the annual pageant.

staged

Josh Reeves of Walls as gambler Sky Masterson and Alyssa McElfresh of Senatobia as Miss Adelaide. (Photos Bobi Foster)



"Guys and Dolls" ran in the Fine Arts Auditorium on the Senatobia campus on Thursday, Feb. 21 and Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2:30 p.m.

"Guys and Dolls" was written by Abe Burrows, Frank Loesser, and Jo Swerling. Based on Damon Runyon's short story "The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown," "Guys and Dolls" revolves around Nathan Detroit, the organizer of the oldest established permanent floating craps game in New York, who bets fellow gambler Sky Masterson that he can't make the next girl he sees fall in love with him. The next girl he sees happens to be Miss Sarah Brown, a pure-at-heart Salvation Army-type reformer, and the stage is set for an hilarious evening of complications.

According to imagination.com, "Guys and Dolls" opened at the 46th Street Theatre on Nov. 24, 1950 and enjoyed a run of 1,200 performances. The original cast included Robert Alda, Vivian Blaine, Sam Levene and Isabel Bigley. The 1955 film version featured Marlon Brando, Vivian Blaine, Frank Sinatra and Jean Simmons.

"We added an afternoon performance on Saturday due to popular demand."

— Jo Ellen Logan, *Instructor of Speech and Theatre • Play Director*

Guys & Dolls

Cast members in the Northwest production

Of the Save-A-Soul Mission

- Clara Grace Watson of Holcomb as Sarah Brown
- Shad Green of Oxford as Arvide Abernathy
- Jessica Cannon of Hernando as General Cartwright
- Joseph Brown of Coffeeville as Calvin and Joey Biltmore
- Mabry Nelson of Senatobia as Agatha

Emma May of Coldwater also appears with the Save-A-Soul Mission band.

The Gamblers

- Josh Reeves of Walls as Sky Masterson
- Jamison White of Horn Lake as Nathan Detroit
- Adonis Certion of Oxford as Nicely-Nicely Johnson
- Drew Carlton of Olive Branch as Rusty Charlie
- Dustin Edwards of Hernando as Benny Southwest
- Harry Snelling of Batesville as Big Jule
- Ryan Nelson of Senatobia as Angie the Ox
- Jim Anderson of Hernando as Harry the Horse

Also appearing with the Gamblers are Major Davis of Charleston, Casey Davis of Olive Branch and Oliver Harrison of Senatobia.

Nathan Algee of Coldwater appears as Lt. Brannigan. Dobbie appears as Himself.

The Hot Box Girls

- Alyssa McElfresh of Senatobia as Miss Adelaide
- Cassidy Porter of Senatobia as The Emcee
- Sarah Pierce of Southaven as Mimi

Also appearing with the Hot Box Girls are Chelsea Hadley of Byhalia, Rachel McGibboney of Senatobia, Brittany Trimble of Tupelo, Lydia Hardy of Hernando, and Janae Ashante Hunt of Michigan City.

The City People and Havana

- Jennifer Burns of Olive Branch
- Megan Clayton of Holly Springs
- Cassidy Porter and Ryan Nelson of Senatobia as the peasant dancers
- Chelsea Hadley of Byhalia and Casey Davis of Olive Branch as the drunks

Stage Managers

Brandi Bates of Coldwater and Hannah Farris of Olive Branch

Prop Mistress

Jessica Cannon of Hernando

Top: The "Hot Box Girls" give a rousing rendition of "Take Back Your Mink."

Center: Josh Reeves as Sky Masterson and Clara Grace Watson as Sarah Brown sing "I've Never Been in Love Before."

Bottom: The Save-A-Soul Mission Band.

The Fine Arts Division of Northwest presented a wonderful theatrical event on the Northwest campus in the Fine Arts Auditorium Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 25 - Oct. 27. "Medea", a play by Euripides, based in Corinth in Ancient Greece in 431 B.C., was directed by S.A. Weakley and produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

The cast consisted of Northwest students and local talent. The attendees for the evening gathered outside and inside the corridor waiting to be seated in the theatre, when two soldiers appeared on the balcony and greeted us by inviting us to be seated if we dared to enter for this tragic tale. With a pounding on the floor several times with their weapons, we were let into the theatre and seated for Act 1 .

Medea, played by Sarah Pierce, defined her character on stage and captured the audience's full attention. The play was set in front of Medea's house. She played an excellent leading role. The Women of Corinth, who were played by Jessica Cannon, Megan Clayton, Janae Ashante Hunt, and Alyssa McElfresh, gave a warm performance with synchronized voicing and emotion.

Jason, played by Kyle Foley, was Medea's spouse and father of their two sons. He gave a chivalrous first performance. Appearing like a legendary light on stage Creon, played by Jim Anderson, set his presence.

"Medea's" narrator in the first act, Brandi Bates, gave a sincere, genuine performance for her role as Nurse. Overall the entire cast performed very notably, and ended with a standing ovation for Medea.

There were two acts and a 15-minute intermission where they offered refreshments and homemade cookies and muffins. The overall turnout for "Medea" was 327 people. There were approximately 82 guests attending each performance. After the Saturday night performance during the photo shoot one of the cast members was injured causing a last-minute recast for Sunday's performance. The show went on and had a great closing.

— Sandy Johnson

Sarah Pierce as Medea is comforted by her nurse played by Brandi Bates, as the Women of Corinth listen. (Photo by Geoffrey Dunn)

Medea

She Stoops to Conquer

A new kind of comedy was introduced by the Northwest Theatre Department when the play, "She Stoops To Conquer" was presented May 3 - May 6. The play, which debuted in 1773, was written by Irish playwright Oliver Goldsmith.

The play was directed by Terry Scott, technical director for the Fine Arts Division.

"Most everyone has been the target of practical jokes, and most have been out on blind dates," says Enotes.com editor Marie Rose Napierkowski. "Goldsmith bases his 1773 comedy on two such incidents, creating a complicated, convoluted plot based on miscommunication and mistaken identities."

Cast and crew members from DeSoto County are Jamison White of Horn Lake (Young Marlow); Fred Knichel of Olive Branch, (Mr. Hardcastle); Logan Foy of Olive Branch, (Tony Lumpkin, scene construction); Emily Burnett of Southaven, (Constance Neville, costume design); Jonathan Lee of Southaven, (Third Fellow/Servant); Chase Hairston of Olive Branch, (George Hastings,scene construction); Hannah Farris of Olive Branch, stage manager; Chad Garmon of Hernando, lighting operator; Kim Dunaway of Southaven, costume construction crew; and Chris Sparks of Southaven, sound operator.

From Tate County are Amanda Leaf Smith of Senatobia, (Mrs. Hardcastle); Alyssa McElfresh of Senatobia, (Kate Hardcastle); Rachel McGibboney of Senatobia, (Barmaid/Pimple); Clay Mangrum of Sarah, (Second Fellow/Servant); Brad Floyd of Senatobia, (Stingo/Sir Charles); and Brandi Bates of Coldwater, props.

Other cast and crew members are Joseph Abrams of Byhalia (First fellow/Diggory); Jacob Fuller of Vicksburg, (Third Fellow/Servant); Michael Coker of Pope, costume construction crew; and Demarcus Hysten of Grenada, sound design.

S.A. Weakley, a speech and theatre instructor at Northwest, was in charge of lighting design for the play.

Scott also served as scenic and sound designer of the production.

Top, cast of "She Stoops to Conquer." Alyssa McElfresh as Kate Hardcastle (middle, left), and Jamison White as Young Marlow and Chase Hairston as George Hastings arrive at the Hardcastle home. (lower, left)

Logan Foy (seated), as Tony Lumpkin, Emily Burnett as Constance Neville and Amanda Leaf Smith as Mrs. Hardcastle. (below)

Amanda Leaf Smith portrays Mrs. Hardcastle, and Logan Foy portrays her son, Tony Lumpkin, who takes delight in the fact his mother thinks she is lost in her own garden. (top, left)

Tony Lumpkin and his buddies enjoy a hearty round at the "Three Pigeons" singing "Toroddle Toroddle Toroll." (right)

Neil Simon's

Barefoot in the Park

Directed by Emily Burnett

For the first time, Northwest's Theatre Department took on the challenge of presenting a summer production. Under the direction of student Emily Burnett of Southaven, Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" ran Aug. 2-5.

"Barefoot in the Park" is a romantic comedy about young newlyweds Paul and Corie Bratter. He is an uptight conservative young lawyer, and she is a free-spirited hopeless romantic. Fresh from their honeymoon, they move into a tiny New York apartment five stories up with no elevator. The young couple has to contend with a meddling mother-in-law and an eccentric Italian neighbor.

Cast members include Cassidy Porter of Senatobia as Corie Bratter; Nick Bredosky of Southaven as Paul Bratter; Amanda Leaf Smith of Senatobia as Ethel Banks; Max Christ of Southaven as Victor Velasco; Jordan Caviezel of Southaven as the Telephone Repair Man; and J.C. Martin as the Delivery Man.

Crew members included: Jo Ellen Logan, Burnett and Porter as costume designers; Ruth McMullen, seamstress; Chelsi Johnson, propmistress; Michael Bailey, stage manager; Sarah Pierce, assistant stage manager; Nathan Algee, lighting design/board operator; and Kayla Price, sound board operator.

Set construction crew, headed by Terry Scott, were Nathan Algee, Michael Bailey, Nick Bredosky, Jordan Caviezel, Max Christ, J.C. Martin, Sarah Pierce, Eddie Pottszoke, Kala Payne and Amanda Leaf Smith.

Amanda Leaf Smith and Max Christ portray Mrs. Banks and Victor Velasco. (top)

Corie (Cassidy Porter) and Paul (Nick Bredosky) have a heated argument. (center)

Cast and crew of "Barefoot in the Park" pose on the set following the third performance. (right)

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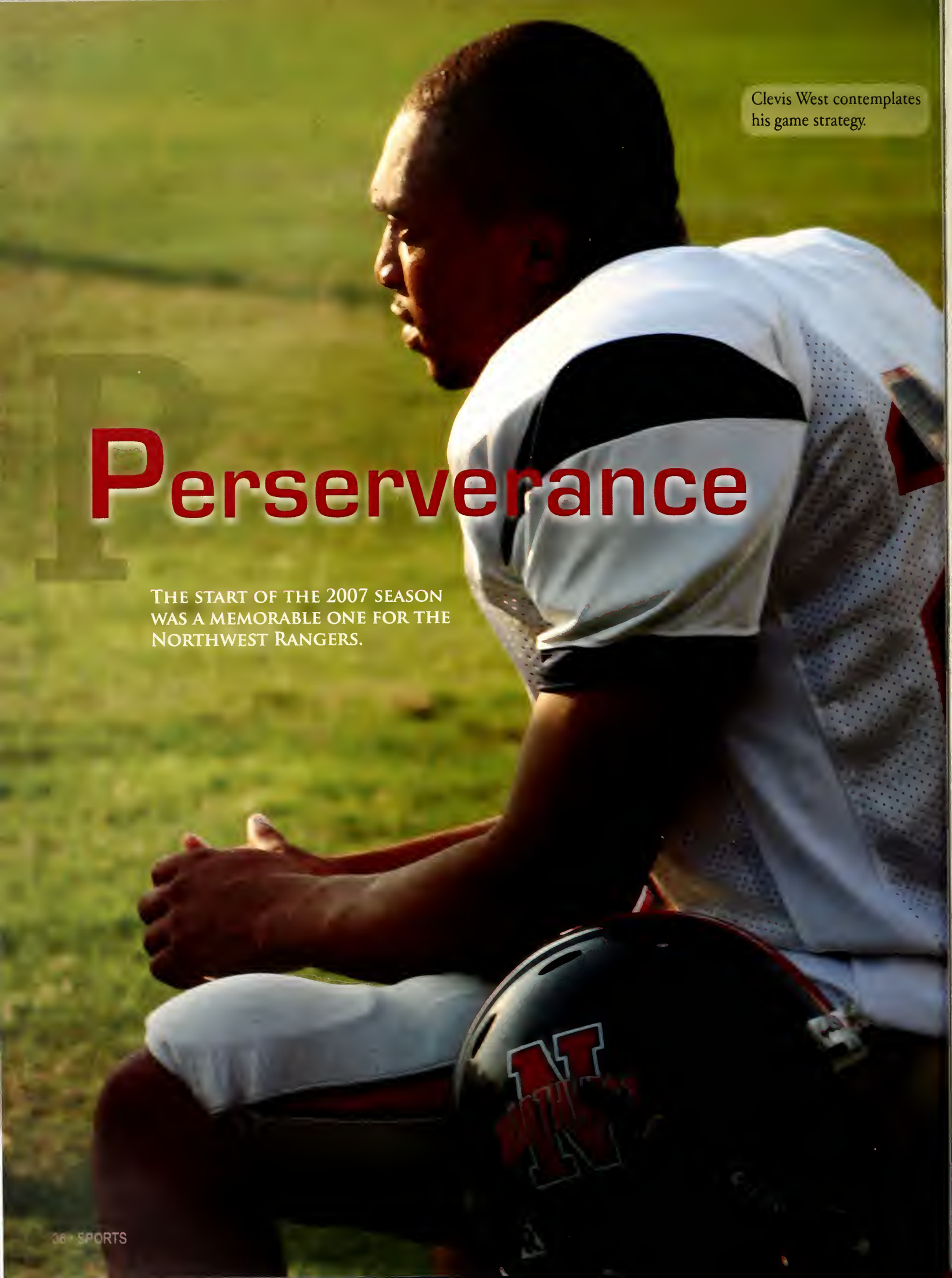

Clevis West contemplates his game strategy.

Perserverance

THE START OF THE 2007 SEASON WAS A MEMORABLE ONE FOR THE NORTHWEST RANGERS.

RANGERS

Brandon Myles

"The Rangers tore through the first half of the schedule to qualify for the state playoffs for the second consecutive year. The Rangers won five of their first six contests and climbed to No. 15 in the NJCAA Top 20 poll."

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SCORE REPORT

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	LOCATION
8/30/07	Copiah-Lincoln CC	31-0	1-0	Senatobia
9/8/07	Jones County JC	7-20	1-1	Ellisville
9/13/07	Holmes CC*	19-13	2-1	Goodman
9/20/07	Northeast CC*	26-24	3-1	Senatobia
9/27/07	East Mississippi CC*	14-0	4-1	Senatobia
10/4/07	Coahoma CC*	24-14	5-1	Clarksdale
10/11/07	Gulf Coast CC	20-27	5-2	Perkinston
10/20/07	Itawamba CC*	6-21	5-3	Senatobia
10/25/07	Mississippi Delta CC*	26-7	6-3	Moorhead
11/3/07	Gulf Coast CC (state playoffs)	6-31	6-4	Perkinston

*Indicates North Division Game

Brandon Myles (back) and Brandon Green line up for the play.

> "The Rangers won five of their first six contests and climbed to No. 15 in the NJCAA top 20 poll."

Northwest's downfall began in week seven with a 27-20 overtime loss at No. 3 Gulf Coast. The Rangers followed that with a 21-6 loss to Itawamba which cost Northwest a chance at repeating as MACJC north division champion. The Rangers got an opportunity to redeem themselves in the first round of the state playoffs at Gulf Coast, but the Bulldogs ended Northwest's season by handing the Rangers a 31-6 defeat. Northwest ended the season at 6-4 for the second year in a row. Northwest opened the campaign by splitting a pair of inter-division clashes. The Rangers shut out Copiah-Lincoln 31-0 before falling at Jones County 20-7. Next they defeated north opponents East Mississippi, Coahoma, Northeast, and Holmes to push their division win streak to 10 games.

Overall

Record

North Division

Chris Shaw

Brandon Myles

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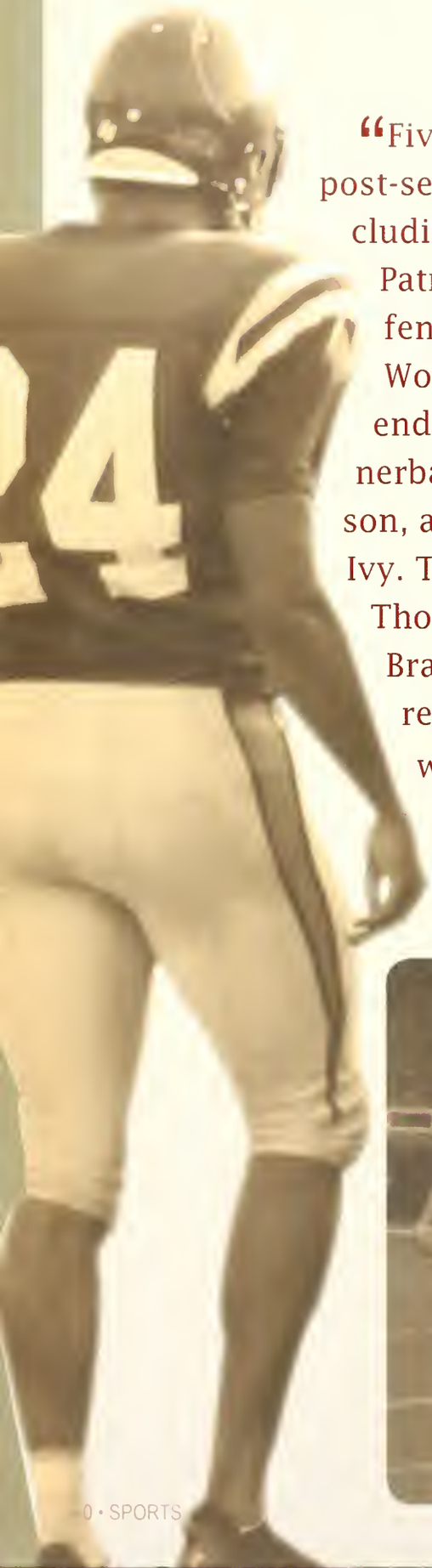


"Five Rangers earned post-season honors including linebacker Patrick Trahan, defensive tackle Dale Woods, defensive end Cory Hall, cornerback Anton Anderson, and safety Desman Ivy. Tailback Daniel Thomas and center Brandon Green represented the Northwest offense."

Daniel Thomas

Anton Anderson

Cornerback

- Second team All-State

Cory Hall

Defensive End

- First team All-State

Desman Ivy

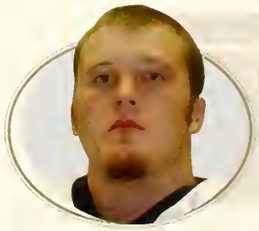
Safety

- Second team All-State

Patrick Trahan

Linebacker

- Region XXIII Most Valuable Linebacker
- First team All-State



Dale Woods

Defensive Tackle

- First team All-State

Daniel Thomas

Tailback

- All-Region XXIII
- First team All-State

Brandon Green

Center

- All-Region XXIII
- First team All-State

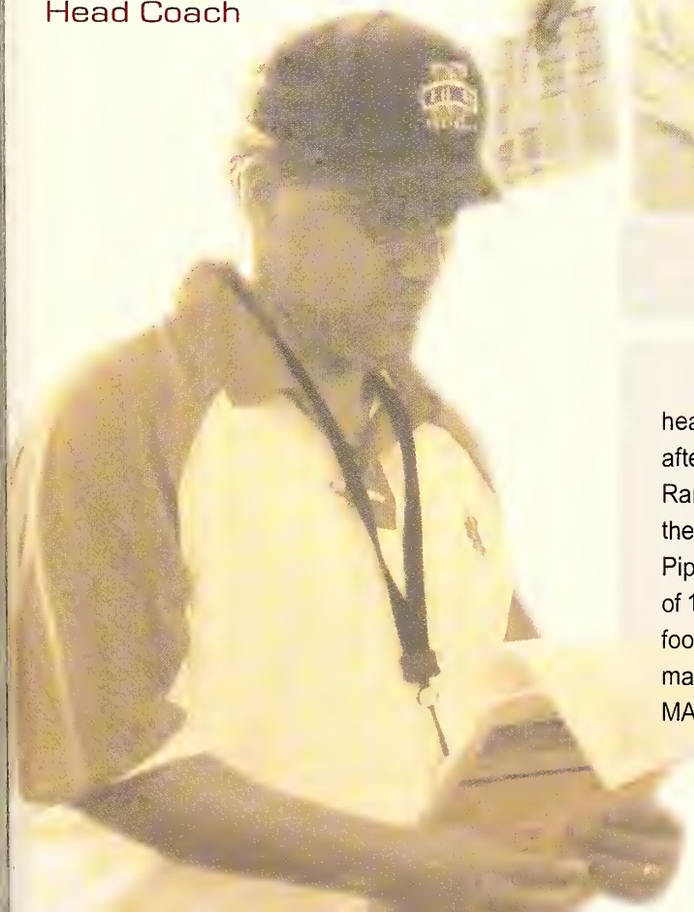
COACHES

MALIKIA GRIFFIN
Defensive Backs Coach

DANNY RAY COLE
Defensive Line Coach

RANDY PIPPIN
Head Coach

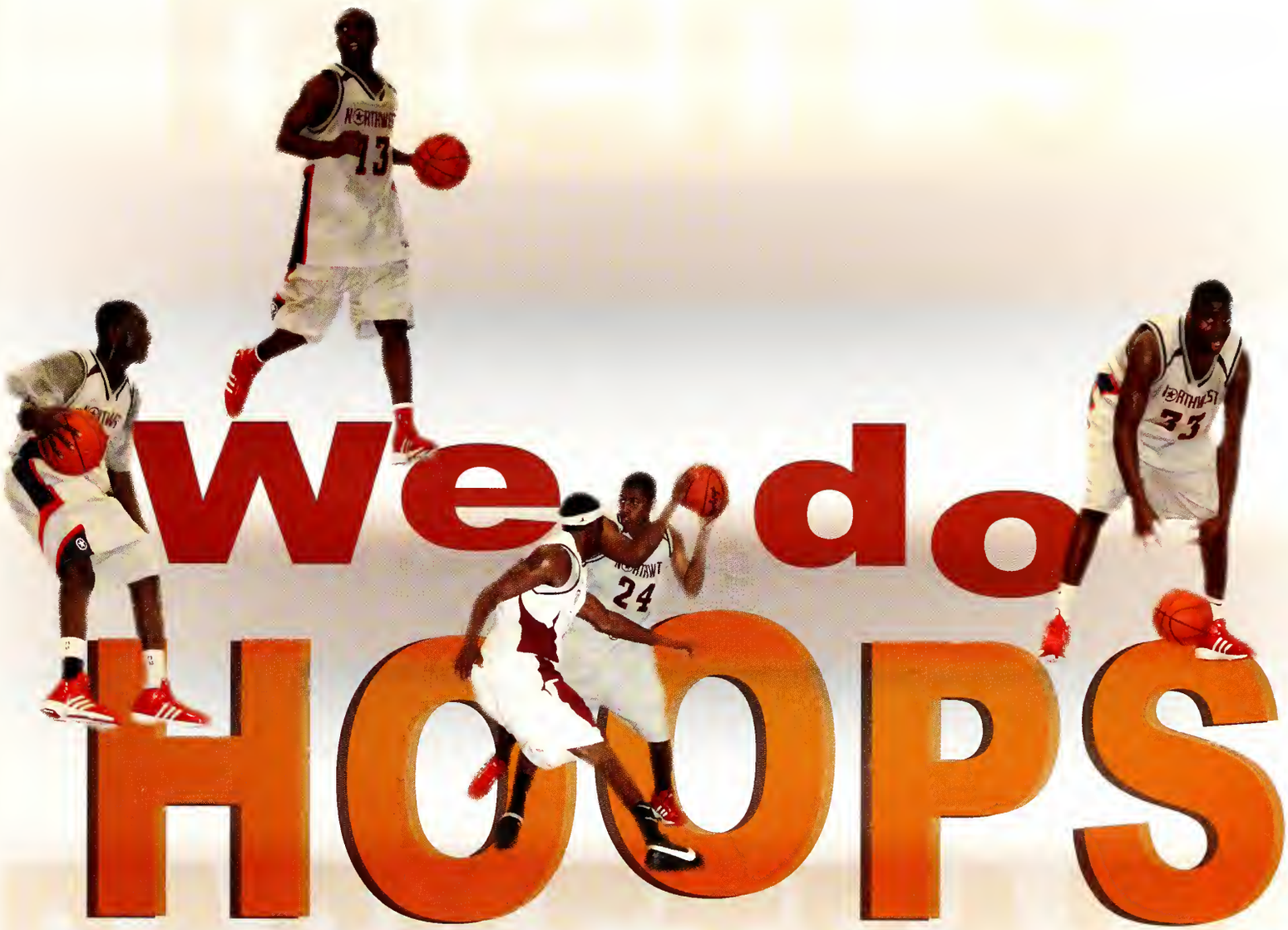
BLAKE FRAZIER
Defensive Coordinator



Northwest's search for a new head coach began just three days after its playoff loss to Gulf Coast. Randy Pippin resigned his post at the helm of the Rangers on Nov. 6. Pippin posted a three-year record of 13-14 at the helm of the Ranger football program, including a 12-6 mark against opponents from the MACJC north division.

DAVID THORNTON
Offensive Coordinator

Northwest freshman guard Kevin Harris controls the ball in the Rangers' 111 - 106 loss to Southwest Mississippi Nov. 5 in Summit.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HOOPS

Consistency was a problem for the Northwest Rangers during the 2007-08 campaign. The Rangers never really found a comfort zone and finished with an overall record 7-18. Northwest placed seventh in the MACJC north division with a 2-10 mark.

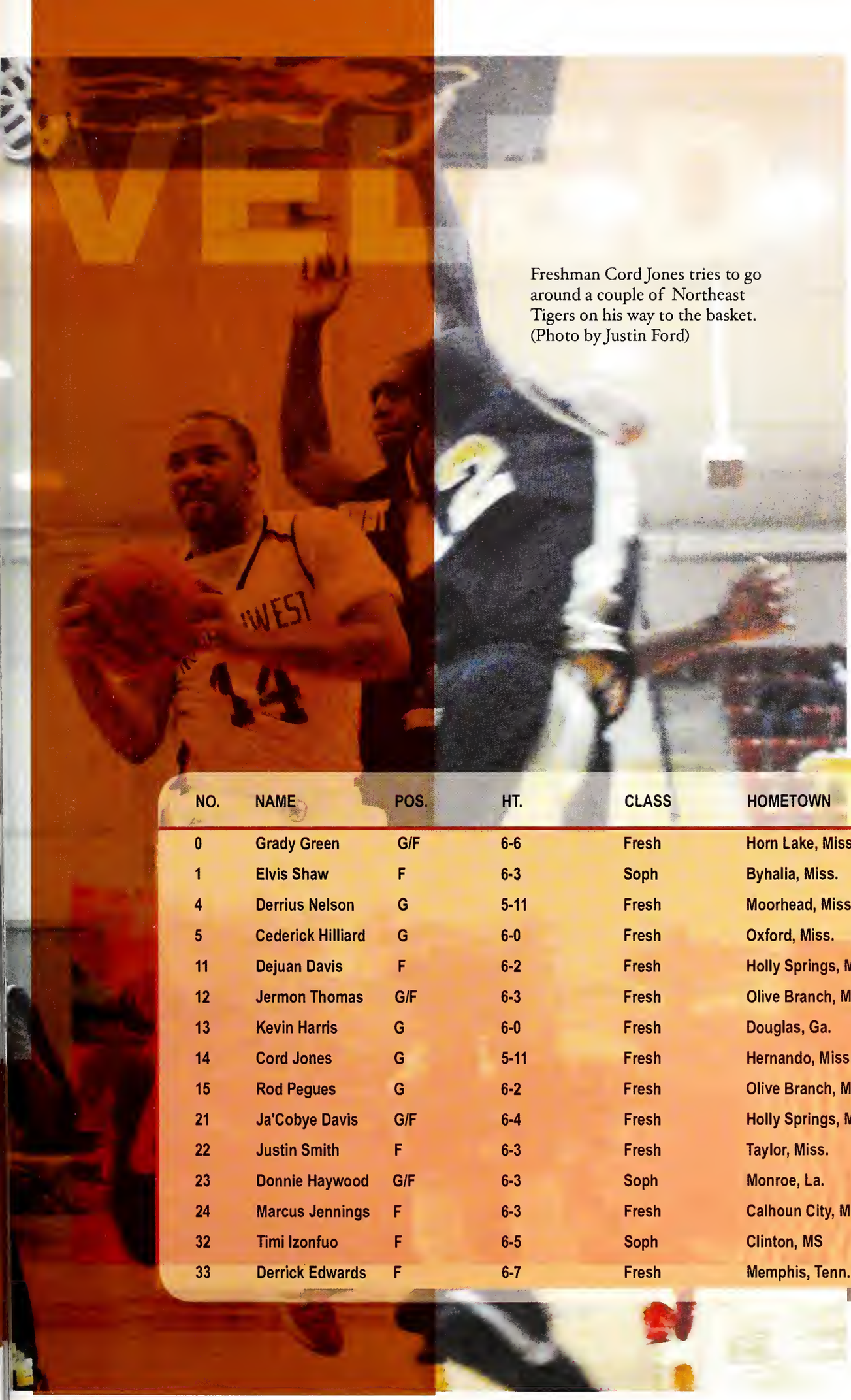
The Rangers held a record of 5-5 at Christmas break, but things seemed to unravel in the second half of the schedule. One of the highlights of Northwest's season was an 88-82 upset victory of nationally-ranked Itawamba in Senatobia. Ranger sophomore guard Donnie Haywood of Monroe, La., poured in a career-high 34 points to help Northwest topple the No. 9 Indians. The guard tandem of Haywood and freshman Kevin Harris of Douglas, Ga., fueled the Rangers all season. Harris led Northwest in scoring by averaging 18 points per game, while Haywood was second with 15.8 points.

Freshman forward Derrick Edwards of Memphis, Tenn., was the Rangers' leading rebounder with 7.5 per game.

Northwest Head Coach Jeff Caldwell completes his second season at the helm of the Rangers. (below, right)

Shane Oakley finishes his fourth season as assistant coach for both the Rangers and Lady Rangers. (above, left)

Northwest guard Donnie Haywood shoots a three-pointer in the Rangers' loss to Northeast in Senatobia (left). (Photo by Justin Ford)



Freshman Cord Jones tries to go around a couple of Northeast Tigers on his way to the basket. (Photo by Justin Ford)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
0	Grady Green	G/F	6-6	Fresh	Horn Lake, Miss.	Southaven
1	Elvis Shaw	F	6-3	Soph	Byhalia, Miss.	Byhalia
4	Derrius Nelson	G	5-11	Fresh	Moorhead, Miss.	Gentry
5	Cederick Hilliard	G	6-0	Fresh	Oxford, Miss.	Oxford
11	Dejuan Davis	F	6-2	Fresh	Holly Springs, Miss.	Olive Branch
12	Jermon Thomas	G/F	6-3	Fresh	Olive Branch, Miss.	Olive Branch
13	Kevin Harris	G	6-0	Fresh	Douglas, Ga.	Coffee
14	Cord Jones	G	5-11	Fresh	Hernando, Miss.	Hernando
15	Rod Pegues	G	6-2	Fresh	Olive Branch, Miss.	Olive Branch
21	Ja'Cobye Davis	G/F	6-4	Fresh	Holly Springs, Miss.	Potts Camp
22	Justin Smith	F	6-3	Fresh	Taylor, Miss.	Potts Camp
23	Donnie Haywood	G/F	6-3	Soph	Monroe, La.	Ouachita
24	Marcus Jennings	F	6-3	Fresh	Calhoun City, Miss.	Calhoun City
32	Timi Izonfuo	F	6-5	Soph	Clinton, MS	Clinton
33	Derrick Edwards	F	6-7	Fresh	Memphis, Tenn.	Raleigh-Egypt

Kim Scott of Robinsonville goes up for two against the Northeast Lady Tigers Feb. 11 at Howard Coliseum. (Photo by Justin Ford)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
3	Shondalyn Rogers	G/F	5-7	Soph	Vicksburg, Miss.	Warren Central
4	Jalisa Pointer	G	5-7	Fresh	Coahoma, Miss.	Coahoma County
5	Brandy Fayne	G	5-8	Fresh	Byhalia, Miss.	Byhalia
10	Arnetta Howell	G/F	5-9	Soph	Potts Camp, Miss.	Potts Camp
11	Normanique Johnson	G	5-4	Fresh	Olive Branch, Miss.	Olive Branch
12	Lauren Burgess	G	5-5	Soph	Water Valley, Miss.	Water Valley
13	Lyndrea Overall	G	5-2	Soph	Grambling, La.	Simsboro
14	Canetria Price	G	5-6	Soph	Clarksdale, Miss.	Clarksdale
20	Whitney Whitehead	G	5-5	Soph	Como, Miss.	North Panola
22	KaWanda Martin	G	5-5	Soph	Coffeeville, Miss.	Coffeeville
23	Donica Cosby	G	5-7	Soph	Coldwater, Miss.	Independence
30	Ciera Thomas	G/F	5-7	Fresh	Martin, Tenn.	Westview
32	Kim Scott	F	5-11	Fresh	Robinsonville, Miss.	Rosa Fort
33	Tiffany Baker	F	5-11	Soph	Memphis, Tenn.	Oakhaven
34	Ashley Wilson	F	6-2	Fresh	Holly Springs, Miss.	Byhalia

ladies of the COURT

An inconsistent Lady Ranger squad had a chance to claim fourth place in the MACJC north division and advance to the state tournament when they hosted Holmes in the last contest of the season in Senatobia. In a season full of ups and downs, the Northwest Lady Rangers low point occurred when they were shut out of the post-season on the final day of the regular season.

Northwest held a one-point lead against Holmes in the final seconds, but the Lady Bulldogs nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to kill the Lady Rangers' dreams of post-season play.

Northwest ended the campaign with a record of 9-13 and placed fifth in the north division with a 5-7 mark. The Lady Rangers won back-to-back games just three times during the regular season. Northwest's highlight of the season was knocking off arch-rival Northeast 73-69 in overtime in Senatobia.

The freshman forward duo of forward Ashley Wilson of Holy Springs and Ciera Thomas of Martin, Tenn., led the Lady Rangers in scoring. Wilson averaged 13.7 points, while Thomas averaged 13.5.

Forward Ciera Thomas battles with players from Northeast for possession of the ball in the Lady Rangers' overtime victory in Senatobia. (Photo by Justin Ford)

Guard KaWanda Martin attempts a three-point shot at Mississippi Delta.

Shondalyn Rogers eyes the basket before attempting a shot in the Lady Rangers season-opening loss to Southwest Mississippi.

Guard Normanique Johnson, who led Northwest in steals and assists, searches for an open teammate against Northeast.

Lady Ranger guard Ciera Thomas looks for an open teammate in Northwest's season-opener in the Southwest Classic Nov. 5 in Summit.

Northwest Lady Ranger guard Normanique Johnson of Olive Branch drives between a couple of Northeast defenders Jan. 17 in Booneville. Johnson scored four points and dished out eight assists, but Northeast claimed a 75-66 victory.

ladies of the COURT

Head Lady Ranger Coach Don Edwards completes his 23rd season as a Northwest coach. He has been the head coach for the Lady Rangers for 21 years.

Northwest forward Ashley Wilson shoots for two of her game-high 20 points in the Lady Rangers' 72-67 victory against Mississippi Delta Feb. 4 in Moorhead.

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

— Wintson Churchill

taking out the **competition**

Top left: Ranger sophomore Drew Dotson works for position against the Holmes Bulldogs.
Top right: Rafael Guzman tries to get control of the ball in Northwest's victory against East Mississippi.
Botton right: Defender Anthony Snyder works to get possession of the ball in the Rangers' match against East Mississippi.

OPPONENT	RESULT
Pearl River CC	4-1 (L)
Holmes CC*	5-2 (L)
East Mississippi CC*	7-1 (W)
Jones JC	4-1 (L)
Union University	4-1 (L)
Hinds CC*	5-0 (L)
Itawamba CC*	8-0 (L)
Holmes CC*	4-2 (L)
East Central CC	4-2 (W)
East Mississippi CC*	3-1 (W)
Union University	8-2 (L)
Hinds CC*	6-0 (L)
Itawamba CC*	8-2 (L)

* Indicates MACJC north division games

Midfielder Kristen Smith boots the ball downfield in the Lady Rangers' loss to Hinds.

Sarah Birmingham
All-State

Hunter Porter
All-State

Kira Harris
All-State

men's ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Class	Hometown
2	Hunter Porter	Midfielder	Soph	Ashland, Miss.
3	Chris Pitcock	Midfielder	Soph	Lake Cormorant, Miss.
6	Lane Fortenberry	Forward	Fresh	Oxford, Miss.
7	Abdul-Kareem Salameh	Forward	Fresh	Clarksdale, Miss.
8	Travis Baird	Midfielder	Fresh	Senatobia, Miss.
9	Chance Kitchens	Midfielder	Fresh	Pontotoc, Miss.
10	Rafael Guzman	Forward	Fresh	Olive Branch, Miss.
11	Ahmad Duais	Defender	Fresh	Oxford, Miss.
13	Matt Earhart	Defender	Fresh	Olive Branch, Miss.
14	Drew Dotson	Goalkeeper	Soph	Winona, Miss.
15	Triston Moore	Midfielder	Soph	Coldwater, Miss.
16	Hunter Freeland	Defender	Fresh	Hernando, Miss.
17	Dustin Jones	Goalkeeper	Fresh	Pontotoc, Miss.
19	Josh Dollins	Forward	Fresh	Randolph, Miss.
20	Kacy Watkins	Midfielder	Fresh	Southaven, Miss.
22	Anthony Snyder	Defender	Fresh	Holcomb, Miss.
23	Chris Murray	Defender	Fresh	Brandon, Miss.

women's ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Class	Hometown
0	Lauren Farris	Goalkeeper	Soph	Florence, Miss.
00	Amber Denfip	Goalkeeper	Fresh	Olive Branch, Miss.
2	Kelli Smith	Forward	Fresh	Oxford, Miss.
5	Lauren Bradshaw	Defender	Fresh	Sunflower, Miss.
7	Amanda Oleis	Forward	Soph	Cleveland, Miss.
8	Jennifer Addy	Forward	Soph	Madison, Miss.
9	Carli Little	Defender	Fresh	Brandon, Miss.
10	Sarah Birmingham	Forward	Soph	Collinsville, Miss.
11	Kira Harris	Defender	Fresh	Collierville, Tenn.
13	Ashleigh Bowen	Forward	Fresh	Oxford, Miss.
14	Caitlin Pretti	Midfielder	Fresh	Olive Branch, Miss.
16	Megan Strong	Midfielder	Fresh	Nesbit, Miss.
17	Alice Sacks	Defender	Fresh	Southaven, Miss.
18	Kristen Smith	Midfielder	Fresh	Flowood, Miss.
19	Courtney Warren	Forward	Fresh	Water Valley, Miss.
20	Laura Reyes	Defender	Fresh	Horn Lake, Miss.
21	Jennifer Hurtley	Forward	Fresh	Southaven, Miss.
32	April Harris	Defender	Soph	Olive Branch, Miss.

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just for KICKS

The 2007 season was a rebuilding year for both of the Northwest soccer teams and it showed.

The Lady Rangers missed the playoffs for the first time in six years and finished with the program's first losing campaign with an overall record of 4-5-3. Northwest was 2-4 and placed third in the MACJC north division. The Lady Rangers started the season by winning three of their first four contests, but stumbled down the stretch.

Sophomore forward Sarah Birmingham of Collinsville and freshman defender Kira Harris of Collierville, Tenn., were both selected All-State.

Harris led the Lady Rangers with nine goals and five assists, while Birmingham was second on the team with seven goals and four assists.

The Northwest men's squad had a hard time finding consistency during the season and finished 3-10 overall and 2-6 in the north division.

Sophomore midfielder Hunter Porter of Ashland was chosen All-State. Porter led the Rangers with 10 goals and also added two assists.

The Rangers received the Tom Sheppard Award for receiving the least penalty cards of any men's team in the state.

— Brett Brown

Opposite Left: Freshman forward Ashleigh Bowen battles with a player from East Mississippi for possession of the ball.
Bottom Left: All-State forward Sarah Birmingham (right) led the Lady Rangers in scoring during the 2007 season.
Bottom right: Sophomore defender April Harris attempts to take the ball away from a Hinds player.

OPPONENT	RESULT
Pearl River CC	3-3 (T)
Bossier Parish CC	3-2 (W)
East Mississippi CC*	10-3 (W)
Jones JC	4-1 (W)
Union University	2-0 (L)
Hinds CC*	5-0 (L)
Itawamba CC*	2-1 (L) OT
East Central CC	1-1 (T) OT
East Mississippi CC*	3-1 (W)
Union University	1-1 (T)
Hinds CC*	1-0 (L)
Itawamba CC*	3-2 (L)

* Indicates MACJC north division games

A WORLD CLASS Performance

Rangers shine in winning season

The 2007 Rangers celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the school's last appearance in the NJCAA Division II World Series by qualifying for the event again.

Northwest, the Region XXIII champion, placed fourth at the World Series by posting a record of 2-2 at the event, held at USA Stadium in Millington, Tenn.

In its three appearances at the World Series, Northwest has placed in the top five on every occasion. The Rangers were runners-up in 1996 and fifth in 1997.

Northwest ended its season at 40-17 and claimed its second MACJC north division championship in three years by posting a 14-2 mark.

During the regular season, the Rangers swept all four games from division opponents Mississippi Delta, Coahoma, and Northeast.

Northwest saved some of of its best baseball until the end of the season. The Rangers started the campaign with record of 6-4, but won 34 of their final 47 games.

"This club has been one of the most dynamic, exciting teams that I have ever been a part of," said Head Coach Mark Carson. "I don't know if I will ever coach another team that has been this much fun."

As a team, the Rangers amassed a .357 batting average led by shortstop Taylor Walker of Senatobia who hit .459.

Blake Embrey of Senatobia gets a high five after scoring a run at the World Series in Millington. (left)

Jesse Butler of Holly Springs gets ready to deliver a pitch. (top, right)

Embrey was chosen Distinguished Academic All-American. (center)

Will Britt of Oxford throws from behind the plate. (bottom, right)

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• Blake Embrey • Chase Ware • Kory Petri • Chase Lamping • Will Britt • Wes Grilliette • Sean Johnson • Ridge Bass • Rick Russell • Chad Cregar • Michael Ross • Kyle Hunt • Wil Hylander • Brandon Hall • Jesse Butler • Jameson Rodgers • Tyler Goolsby • Josh Ross • Taylor Walker • Timothy Hadaway • Charlie Edwards • Ryan Roberson • Brian Leach• • Josh Posey • Blake Trusty • Craig Dean • Richard Chaney • Antonio Johnson

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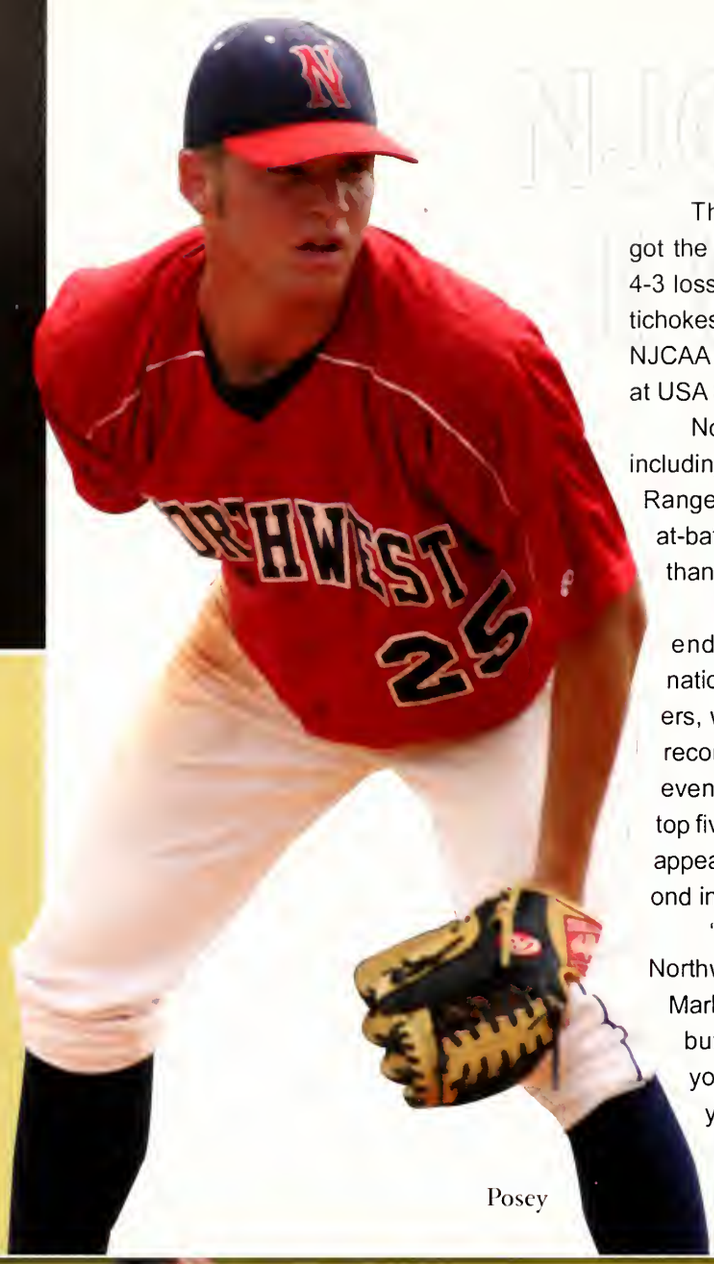
NJCAA Division II World Series



Posey

The Northwest Rangers never got the clutch hit they needed in their 4-3 loss to the Scottsdale Fighting Artichokes in an elimination game at the NJCAA Division II World Series May 29 at USA Stadium in Millington, Tenn.

Northwest left 11 runners on base, including eight in scoring position. The Rangers also went hitless in seven at-bats with runners on third and less than two outs.

All of those things combined ended Northwest's quest for a national championship. The Rangers, who finished the season with a record of 40-17, placed fourth at the event. Northwest has placed in the top five in all three of its World Series appearances. The Rangers were second in 1996 and fifth in 1997.

"We just didn't execute," said Northwest second-year Head Coach Mark Carson. "We had our chances, but that's baseball. Sometimes you get the big hit and sometimes you don't. Today we didn't get them and really didn't deserve to win."

The Rangers entered the tournament sporting a team batting average of .364 which makes it even more frustrating.

Scottsdale jumped to a 3-1 lead after five innings, but Northwest rallied to tie the contest 3-3 in the seventh frame.

Ranger outfielder Kory Petri of Oxford singled home Rick Russell of Olive Branch in the sixth inning. Northwest tied the game in the seventh when Charlie Edwards of Water Valley, who had three hits and two doubles in the contest, scored on an error.

The Rangers had a chance to grab the lead in the eighth after loading the bases. Craig Dean of Coldwater and Sean Johnson of Senatobia both collected hits in the frame, while Petri reached on an error. The next three Northwest batters failed in their attempt to knock in a run.

Ranger relief pitcher Joshua Posey of Covington, Tenn., shouldered the loss to drop his record to 4-2.

Northwest, which owns a 6-6 record in the World Series, knocked off Frederick Community College 14-6 in the first round, but lost to Longview Community College 5-1 on the second day of the event.

The Rangers advanced to face Scottsdale after eliminating Monroe Community College 6-5.

Petri and Blake Embrey of Senatobia were both selected to the World Series All-Tournament team.

Northwest third baseman Craig Dean of Coldwater throws to first for the out during the Rangers' NJCAA Division II World Series game against Longview May 27 in Millington, Tenn. Dean and the Rangers finished 2-2 at the event and placed fourth. (left)

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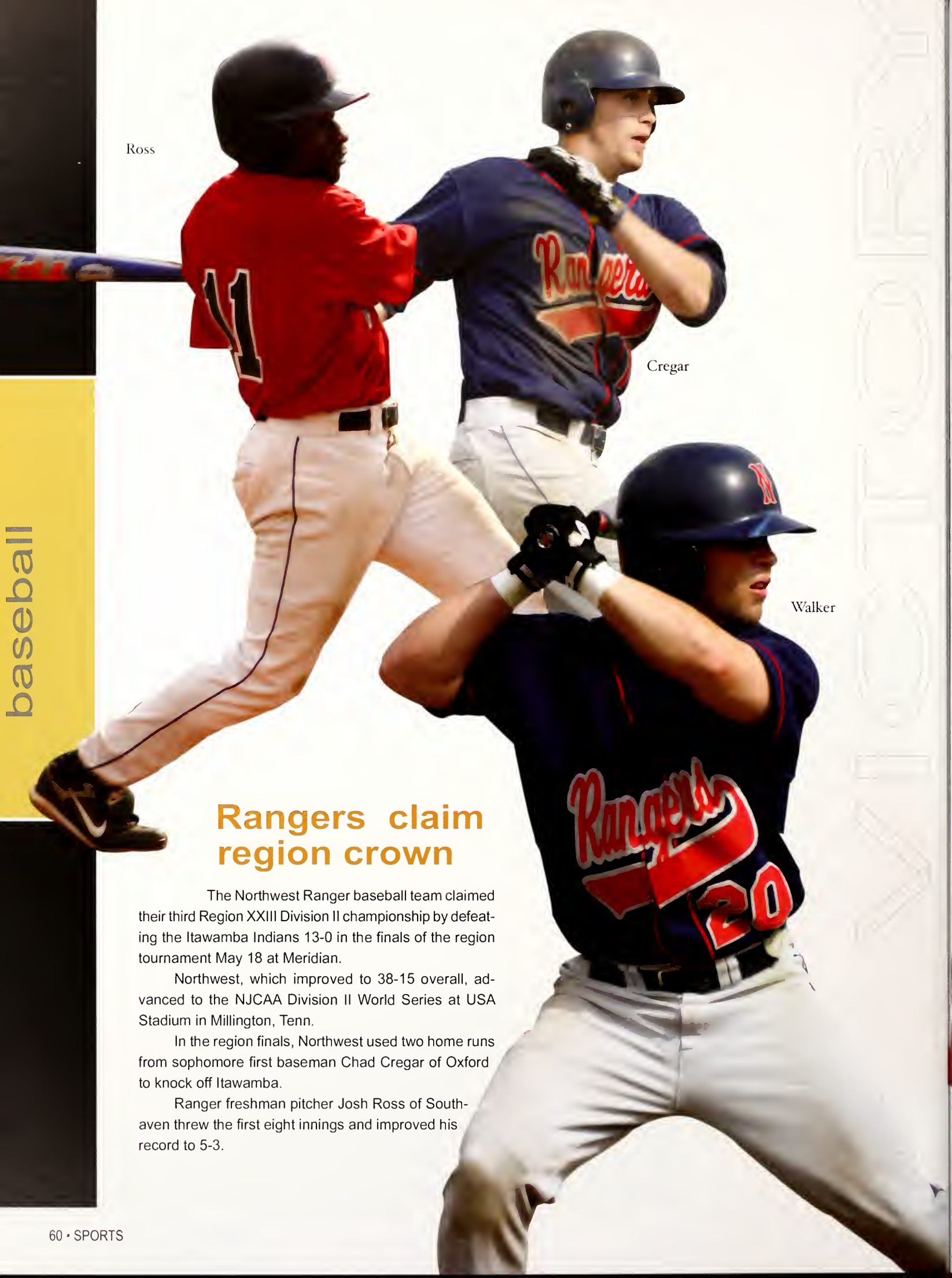
Outfielder Charlie Edwards of Water Valley, was selected NJCAA Academic All-American for maintaining a grade point average of 3.67 in business administration. Edwards batted .401 with 12 home runs and 57 RBI.

Freshman shortstop Taylor Walker from Senatobia was selected second team All-American by the NJCAA. Walker batted .435 with eight home runs and 43 RBI. Walker also hit 17 doubles, stole 11 bases and scored 58 runs.

Outfielder Blake Embrey of Senatobia was chosen Distinguished Academic All-American by the NJCAA for compiling a GPA of 3.82 in general college. Embrey hit .316 with 18 RBI and 14 stolen bases.

Grilliette

The 2007 Ranger baseball team highlighted the sports season at Northwest by claiming the Region XXIII championship and placing fourth at the NJCAA Division II World Series. Baseball was one of the four sports to win an MACJC north division championship at Northwest in 2006-07.



Ross

Cregar

Walker

Rangers claim region crown

The Northwest Ranger baseball team claimed their third Region XXIII Division II championship by defeating the Itawamba Indians 13-0 in the finals of the region tournament May 18 at Meridian.

Northwest, which improved to 38-15 overall, advanced to the NJCAA Division II World Series at USA Stadium in Millington, Tenn.

In the region finals, Northwest used two home runs from sophomore first baseman Chad Cregar of Oxford to knock off Itawamba.

Ranger freshman pitcher Josh Ross of Southaven threw the first eight innings and improved his record to 5-3.

Bill Selby

Northwest Assistant Baseball Coach **Bill Selby** was recognized for his play in the minor leagues by being inducted into the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame Aug. 25 at Buffalo, New York.

Selby spent four seasons with the Buffalo Bisons, the Triple-A team for the Cleveland Indians from 1998 to 2000 and joined the squad for the 2002 campaign. In 1998, Selby helped the Bisons claim the Governors' Cup. He was also on two other Buffalo squads that made post-season appearances.

A native of Nesbit, Selby is the team's modern-era leader in RBIs (245), hits (378), runs (217), and doubles (90). He ranks second in games played with 370 and third with 60 home runs.

"I was extremely flattered to get the call," said Selby. "You play your career, retire, life goes on and you do something else."

— Coach Selby

Coach Selby motivates his players at the World Series in May.

Mark Carson

Mark Carson is finishing his third season as head baseball coach. Last season, Carson's squad claimed the MACJC north division and Region XXIII championships. The Rangers placed fourth at the NJCAA Division II World Series. Carson was named Region XXIII Coach of the Year.

He served as assistant coach for the Rangers for eight seasons before being named head coach. Before coming to Northwest, Carson spent six years at Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis.

Carson watches action at the World Series with players Chad Cregar and Charlie Edwards.

For the love of the game

The spring of 2007 will always be remembered as a special one for the Northwest Lady Ranger fast-pitch softball team.

Northwest tore through the regular season portion of its schedule, and claimed the first MACJC north division championship in the six-year history of the program. Under the direction of Head Coach Mike Rowan, the Lady Rangers posted a final record of 35-13. Northwest finished 14-2 against north division opponents. The 35 wins broke the school record of 33 that was set just two seasons ago.

Northwest got the ball rolling by winning 12 of their first 16 games. The Lady Rangers put together a 17-game winning streak at one point during the regular season. Northwest swept four games from division opponents and took three of four games from perennial north division power Northeast which allowed the Lady Rangers to claim the division crown.

The post-season was not as good for Northwest. The Lady Rangers lost two games in the state tournament and two more in the region tournament.

Six Northwest players were selected for post-season awards. Pitcher Amber Clay of Walls and shortstop Ashley White of Grenada were named to both the All-Region and All-State teams. Third baseman Meredith Carver of Holcomb, pitcher Alicia Malone of Hernando, second baseman Jessica McElyea of Southaven, and outfielder Audra Long of Gore Springs were also selected All-State.

Ashley White of Grenada keeps her eye on the ball. (above)

Reagan Darnell of Senatobia waits for action behind the plate. (left)

Alicia Malone of Hernando winds up for the pitch. (below)

All-Americans

Academic All-Americans include infielder Emily Branch (left) of Winona with a GPA of 3.66, batting record of .439 with two home runs and 15 RBI. Outfielder Audra Long (right) of Gore Springs also received the All-American award finishing the season with a GPA of 3.89 in nursing. She had a batting average of .319 with three doubles and 18 RBI and 18 RBI.

1	Britteny Boylan	INF	S	Horn Lake
2	Amber Clay	P/OF	S	Walls
3	Meredith Carver	INF	S	Holcomb
4	Reagan Darnell	C/OF	S	Senatobia
5	Danielle Williams	OF	F	Independence
6	Jessica Tribble	P/INF	S	Senatobia
7	Casey Whitworth	INF/OF	F	Lambert
8	Carrie Canizaro	OF	F	Horn Lake
10	Audra Long	OF	S	Gore Springs
12	Kellye Kaiser	OF/INF	F	Olive Branch
13	Laci Brooks	C/INF	S	Batesville
14	Britany Darby	INF/OF	S	Southaven
15	Jessica McElyea	INF	S	Southaven
18	Christian Reyes	INF/OF	F	Horn Lake
20	Jennifer Barmer	P/OF	S	DeSoto, TX
21	Emily Branch	INF/OF	S	Winona
23	Ashley White	INF	S	Grenada
24	Lauren Andrews	C/UT	F	Slidell, LA
25	Courtney Mask	P/OF	F	Kossuth
77	Alicia Malone	P	F	Hernando

Head Softball Coach Mike Rowan and Assistant Coach Scott Oakley work on a strategy. (below)

Meredith Carver of Holcomb takes a base. (right)

2007 Softball

unbreakable

rodeo endurance pays off

"I admire bull riders for their passion and the uniqueness each one of them has."

Chris LeDoux

Athletes (above) line up at the grand entry of the college's annual Bull-A-Rama held in September.

Drew Riddle of Amory hangs on tight at the Spring 2007 Ozark Region Rodeo at the college's Multipurpose Livestock Facility.

Rodeo has become a tradition at Northwest. This sport, which includes teams for both men and women, is sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Northwest teams compete in the seven-state Ozark Region.

Teamwork excels among the members of the college Rodeo Team and Rodeo Club. Each fall, the annual Bull-A-Rama, a championship bull riding competition is held at the college's Multipurpose Livestock Arena. Proceeds from Bull-A-Rama go for traveling expenses and to establish scholarships for team members. This event is open to professionals, amateurs and Northwest students.

"Rodeo athletes don't just get on a bus," said Coach Bud Young. "Timed-event riders have the expense of hauling their own horses. It takes a lot of money to maintain these animals all year and haul them to the rodeos," he said.

Students get in practice time at the college's Multipurpse Livestock Arena, which serves as the rodeo team headquarters, about twice a week, all year long. Practice for rough stock riders means having livestock available for practice—horses to buck, bulls to get on.

Timed event riders need steers for roping and team roping practice. Goat tyers also depend on livestock for practice. Those participating in women's barrel racing work on conditioning their horses in preparation for competition.

Ryan Parker of St. Cloud, Fla., comes out of the chute. Despite a good start to the ride, Parker had a no score on this bull.

"You just have to get on and clear your mind."

Ryan Parker

rodeo

teamwork

Women's Team members are (l to r) Lauren Mitchum, Tanna Halfacre and Callie Alexander.

Men's Team members are (l to r) Coach Bud Young, Cole Baker, Ryan Parker, Brad Romedy, Neil Whaley, Drew Riddle, Ross Hester, Bud Whitehead and Matt Gray. (below)

Head Rodeo Coach Lawrence "Bud" Young is completing his 34th year as head coach for the Northwest teams. (far right) He holds the longest tenture of any Northwest coach. Rodeo assistant is Clint Townsend (right).

Northwest hosted the final Ozark Region Rodeo of the 2007 spring semester when it held the Ross Motor April 19-21. Teams from the region represented by nearly 150 rodeo athletes competed for year-end awards in the Northwest Multipurpose Livestock Arena.

In the three days of competition, categories included riding events—saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding; timed events—team roping, tie down roping, steer wrestling; and women's events—break-away roping, goat tying and barrel racing.

Students, staff and faculty, and rodeo alumni helped make the rodeo a success, according to Dolores Wooten, organizer and manager of Alumni Affairs.

"This rodeo was the result of a lot of hard work on the part of the students, the Northwest faculty and staff and all of the alumni," said Coach Young. "All of them have given of their time and money to make this a success. Thanks to all who keep our team members 'going down the road.'"

Rodeo Club President Amy Zwerschke of Courtland had tough luck with her go in the break-away roping event. Zwerschke participated in break-away roping, team roping and barrel racing. (above)

Rodeo Club members sold sponsorships, raked the dirt in between barrel races, carried sponsorship flags in the grand entry, handed out programs, and cleaned the arena grounds before and after the event. (left)

Northwest golfers (l to r) Nick Burstyne, Zach Lambert, Eric Ainsworth and Joseph Malavasi. (left)

get your GOLF on

The Ranger golf team closed the 2007 season by placing ninth at the state and region tournament April 16-17 at Wolf Hollow Golf Course in Wesson. Freshman T. Robert Oakley was selected first team MACJC All-State for his performances during the regular season. Oakley was the Rangers' low scorer in all seven tournaments.

Oakley finished the state and region tourney with a two-day score of 159.

As a team Northwest shot a total score of 658. The Rangers turned in a score of 329 on both days of the event.

Other scorers for Northwest were Brian Henson of Bartlett, Tenn., with a 161, Tyler McMurry of Olive Branch with a 168, Jimmy Corrigan of Cordova, Tenn., with a 174, and Joseph Malavasi of Hernando with a 177.

Joseph Malavasi practices perfecting his swing.

"Golf gives you an insight into human nature, your own as well as your opponent's."

— Grantland Rice

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In the marching band, everyone has a very important role to play. Whether it is playing an instrument, conducting the band, spinning in the color guard, or dancing in the Rangerettes, every individual student is vital to the band's success.

"We strive to be present every single day to practices and performances. Each person is required to march different sets of the show, and maintain certain intervals. If one student is not there, it messes up the intervals of the people on either side of them," said Leigha Cianciola, a freshman in the color guard.

In addition to performing their marching show at football games, the Northwest Ranger Band also hosts a marching competition for high school bands. This year's halftime show was set to the music of Boston.

"Eight high school bands attended this year's competition, and it was a great success," said James Hockman, a freshman baritone player. "The Ranger Marching Classic is a great fundamental for recruitment of students into the Northwest Band. It is also a great fundraiser for Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the band fraternity."

all in the BAND

The band plays the best of Boston during a halftime show at the Co-Lin game. Boston tunes included in the show are "Don't Look Back," "Peace of Mind," and "Long Time."

Condarro Frieson of Charleston goes through the show during band camp the week before school began in August. (left)

2007 Ranger Band

Flutes
Kelsey Knight
Rainey Patrick
Brittany Laster

Clarinets
Joseph Abrams
Marcus Blair
Kimberly Dix
Kelsey Craig

Saxophones
Brent Ashmore
Joshua Jamison
Robert Clayborn
Marlon Love
Tyler Huston

Trumpets
Elliot Watson
Angela Tabor
Chris Sparks
Emily Williams
Markie Jackson
Mike Reiss
John Rue
Jon Baker

Horns
Taylor Stuart
Robert Roland
Jonathan Lee
Dawson Olds
Ontario Fitts
Thomas Mullinaux
Courtney Moore

Trombones
Mitch Bryant
Keirra Tolbert
Tonya Bailey
Tommy Jasmin
Martin Warren
Tavis Turner
Antoniah Echols

Baritones
Jalisa Booker
James Hockman
Brandi Johnson
Jonathan McKinley
Megan Leach

Tuba
Lafeal Conley
Jocquin Pryor
Condarro Frieson
Christopher Bellora

Snares
T.J. Johnson
Brent Garriga
Earnest Ward
Wes Patrick

Tenors
David Coleman
Anthony Bammer

Bass Drums
Lamar Tedford
Paxton Taylor
Rolandas Lauderdale
Jonathan Williams
Kevin Bailey

Cymbals
Charles King
Trentice Sparks

Pit
Erica Swatzyna
Jennifer Burns
Adam Weed
Victoria Franklin
Josh Samuels
Evan Stinson
Kendell Leverson

Guard
Ameshia Taylor
Amanda Hand
Heather McAlester
Amy Gibson
Clara Grace Watson
Tiffany Engle
Michelle Fraser
Whitney Westbrook
Leigha Cianciola
DeAnn Grace

Rangerettes
Chelsea Hadley
Paige Carmon
Amanda Brooks
Ana Armendariz
Megan Carver
Samantha Gullett
Christa Reiss
Lauren Todd
Meri Douglas Blair

Leading the Ranger Band are: (l to r) John Ungurait, director of Bands; Susan Vanvelser, color guard director; Jill Morris, Rangerettes director; John Mixon, assistant director of Bands.

Percussion Camp took place during one of the hottest weeks of the year. With temperatures hovering near 100, Wes Patrick of Southaven, Brent Garriga of Pearl and Ernest Ward of Senatobia work on their routines outside the band hall.

Flags fly at Homecoming 2007 as the color guard performs during the pep rally on the grounds of the Haraway Center. (left)

Emily Williams of Leland performs at halftime. Her twin sister Elizabeth is the lead drum major. (see below)

Drum Majors are Elizabeth Williams, Daniel Waller and Lauren Belk.

BAND

Kick it up

(Rangerettes)

Being a Rangerette is hard work. The women who comprise this dance team put in hours of hard practice working on routines as they accompany the Ranger Band. The Rangerettes practice Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. with an extra hour on Thursday. Besides getting the moves right for the routines, rehearsals include dancing, jogging and even kick boxing.

"If the band is moving, we are moving," said Chelsea Hadley."We move from set to set."

"You have to be able to high kick," says Hadley, who has a cheerleading background.

Hadley says the squad loves this year's music—Boston. "It's great," she said.

The 2007 - 2008 Rangerettes are (first row, left to right), Chelsea Hadley, Olive Branch; Samantha Gullett, Nesbit; Christa Reiss, Hernando; Lauren Todd, Hernando. *Second Row:* Megan Carver, Grenada; Meri Douglas Blair, Batesville; Ana Armendariz, Red Banks; Amanda Brooks, Grenada and Paige Carmon, Hernando.

(the team)

Chelsea Hadley • Samantha Gullett • Christa Reiss • Lauren Todd • Megan Carver
Meri Douglas Blair • Ana Armendariz • Amanda Brooks • Paige Carmon

(director) Jill Morris

(jump)

The Rangerettes are a precision drill and dance team which accompanies the Ranger Marching Band in performances at football games and in public appearances.

Meet the Ranger

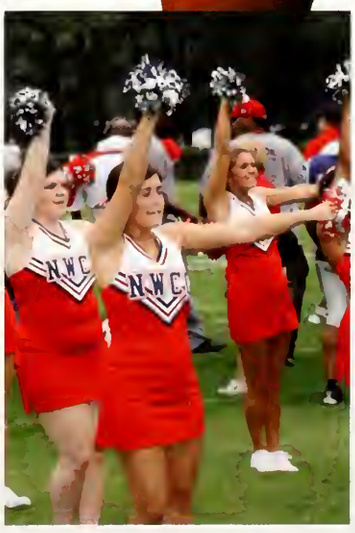
After a week's worth of camp this summer and new red halter uniforms, the Northwest Cheerleaders are off to a good start. They have 11 new freshman and five sophomores this year. The ladies practice for three hours every Tuesday in the Union.

"I have gotten to meet a lot of new people and made many new friendships."

— Christen Coleman, freshman

The cheerleaders led a Homecoming pep rally during spirit week under the supervision of captain Kelsey Reed.

The squad's stunt coach is Angie Darbonne, and their sponsor is Pam Wooten.



Cheerleaders

2007 NWCC Cheerleaders

The 2007 - 08 Cheerleaders are (first row, left to right), Lacie Lashlee, Southaven; Sam Bradley, Senatobia; Kelsey Reed (captain), Water Valley; Jessica Griffin, Olive Branch. *Second row:* Candi Hall, Hernando; Brittany Trimble, Tupelo; Anna Swain, Hickory Flat; Christen Coleman, Senatobia; Bianca Smith, Batesville; Tosha Wiseman, Olive Branch; Lauren Mann, Southaven; *Third row:* Lauren Barker, Hernando; Emilee Jackson, Yazoo City; Gretchen Harris, Water Valley; Brittany Davis, Yazoo City; Betsy Wheeler, Hernando.

THE SQUAD

- Lauren Barker
- Sam Bradley
- Christen Coleman
- Brittany Davis
- Jessica Griffin
- Candi Hall
- Gretchen Harris
- Emilee Jackson
- Lacie Lashlee
- Lauren Mann
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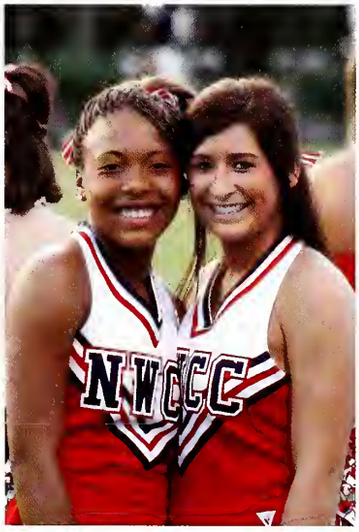
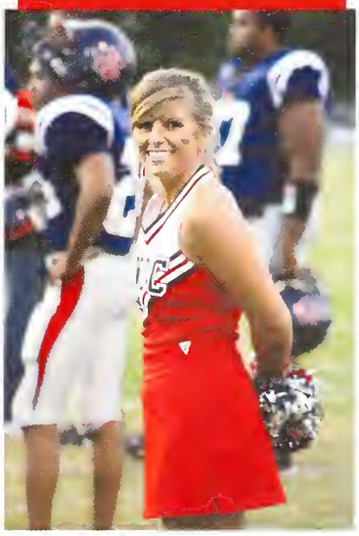




Perfecting the art of *Entertainment*

Surprise! Brittany Trimble of Tupelo and Shad Green of Oxford ham it up during the finale of the Irving Berlin classic "You'd Be Surprised" at the Nov. 29 Entertainers and Jazz Ensemble "All That Swings" concert. The Fine Arts Auditorium was filled to capacity with a banner crowd of more than 400 who came out to enjoy the music, dance and singing. (Staff photo)

More than 400 people gathered in the Northwest Fine Arts Auditorium Nov. 29 for the performance of "All That Swings," featuring the Northwest Entertainers and Jazz Ensemble. John Ungurait directed the Jazz Ensemble and began the show with a piece by Don Menza called "Groovin' Hard." It was followed with a performance by the Northwest Entertainers directed by Saundra Bishop and choreographed by Clara Grace Watson dancing to "Jump, Jive, and Wail" recorded by Brian Setzer. There were several soloist performances; Clara Grace Watson sang "Blue Skies," an Irving Berlin song. Cliff Evans performed "Orange-Colored Sky," a piece by Milton Debugg and Willie Stein, and Josh Reeves sang the classical "Fever," which had technical difficulties during the song but he pulled it off nicely and kept on singing. They brought in several holiday arrangements such as "The Holiday Season," by Kay Thompson and "Believe" from the movie "Polar Express." The overall show was very entertaining and the crowd responded accordingly with a standing ovation to close the show.

— Sandy Johnson

Drew Carlton and The Entertainers perform with the Jazz Band in November. (left) Clara Grace Watson is the featured soloist on "Blue Skies."

2007-2008 Northwest Entertainers

Director Saundra Bishop

Justin Buchanan • Drew Carltan • Cliff Evans • Matt Finley • Lydia Hardy • Caral Lynn March • Rachel McGibbaney • Lauren Wade • Adanis Certion • Jessica Elliot • Shad Green • Alyssa McElfresh • Jash Reeves • Babby Rawland • Brittany Trimble • Clara Grace Watsan

Let's sing it!

Joseph Abrams • Christianne Anderson • Joseph Brown • Justin Buchanan • Jennifer Burns • Jessica Cannon • Drew Carlton • Adonis Certion • Melanie Crump • Kayela Dancy • Jessica Elliott • Cliff Evans • Matt Finley • Michelle Fraser • Bethani Goodman • Shad Green • Jeffrey Hanger • Lydia Hardy • Whitney Holt • Ericka Hughes • Cale Johnson • Darnecia Lester • Bobbie Jo Lyons • Carolyn Marsh • Alyssa McElfresh • Rachel McGibboney • Becca Ozbirn • Josh Reeves • Bobby Rowland • Jessica Saulsberry • Samantha Simmons • Timothy Steiner • Alvin Taylor • Aundrea Thompson • Brittany Trimble • Casondra Tutor • Lauren Wade • Monica Washington • Clara Grace Watson • Emily Williams

The cast sings "Adoramus te Christe" to begin the second annual Madrigal Christmas Feast Dec. 7 in the Haraway Center. (left) Leading the feast was resident court jester Jamison White (center) and his band of faeries, Brittany Trimble, Rachel McGibboney, Clara Grace Watson and Alyssa McElfresh. Adonis Certion and Matt Finley were part of the Royal Court who performed songs and skits during the event. (right)

The Northwest Singers, under the direction of Susanne Spencer VanDyke, had a busy fall semester. A concert in October, a performance at Homecoming and the Madrigal Christmas Feast were the highlights.

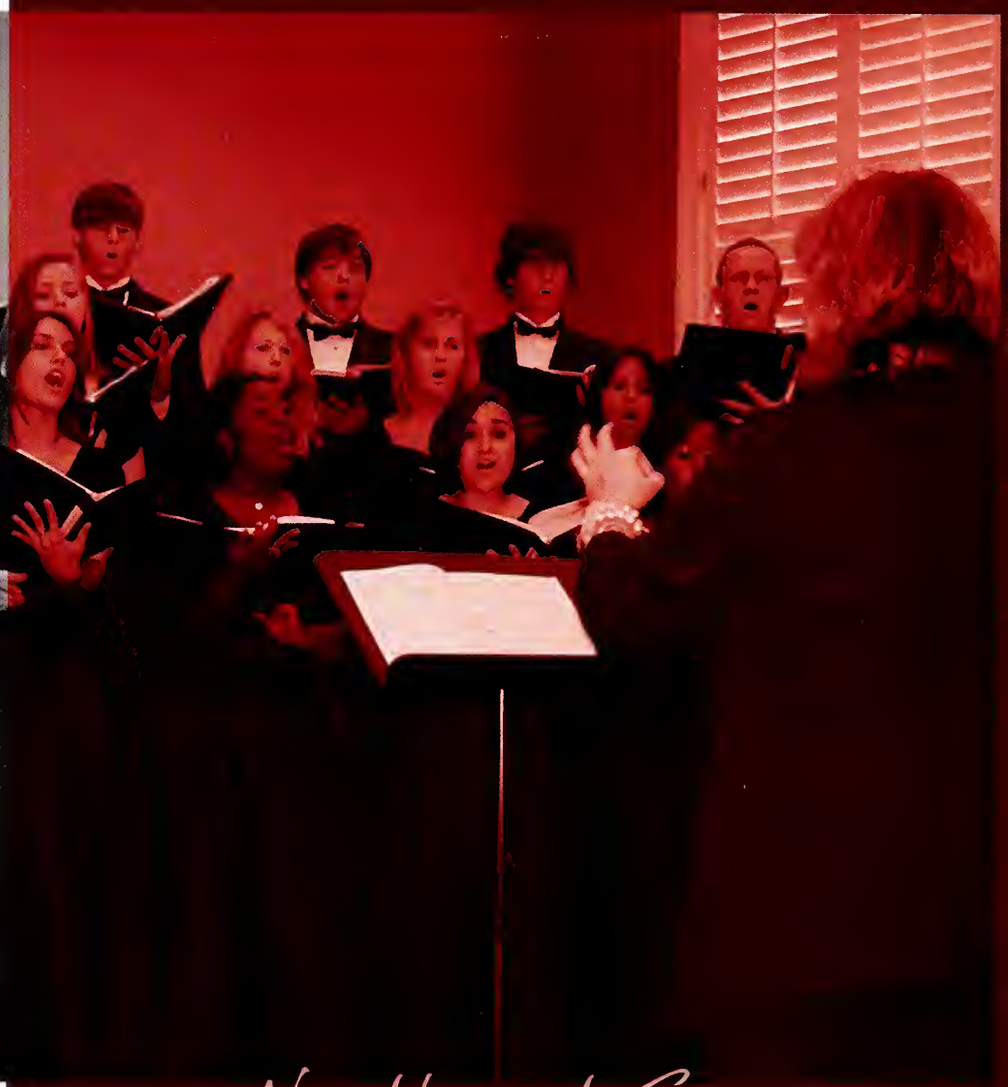
The fall concert on Oct. 30 featured a variety of music. "Over the Sea to Skye" is a lovely Scottish tune about Charles Edward Stuart, also known as "Bonnie Prince Charlie" and the "Young Pretender to the English throne."

The music also included excerpts from the Mass No. 2 in G Major by Franz Schubert; "My Bonnie Lass," a madrigal that was originally written in 1595 for five voices by Thomas Morley; "Homeward Bound," by Marta Keen; and a tribute to the armed forces. Two poems set to music, "Annabel Lee" by Edgar Allen Poe, featuring Dr. Kim Hamilton-Wims, a Chemistry instructor at Northwest on violin and "Always Something Sings," with words by Ralph Waldo Emerson was also performed.

The holiday tradition continued this year with the second annual Madrigal Christmas Feast. The Medieval-inspired banquet featured the Singers and a host of other entertainment set in jolly old England. The Haraway Center was transformed into a medieval banquet hall complete with a court jester, faeries, dancers and sword play.

"I was the artistic and musical director, but I rely on the students' talents to add the personality and sparkle to the evening," said VanDyke. "Students directed the skits, choreographed the swordplay and madrigal dances, decorated the hall and served the meal."

More performances for the Singers were scheduled for the spring semester.



The Singers perform at the Homecoming Celebration in the Haraway Center Oct. 20.

Northwest Singers

Northwest Jazz Band

Trombones
Amanda Hand Lead
Angela Tabor Second Solo
Martin Warren & Amber Neal Third
Mitch Bryant Fourth

Saxophones
Robert Clayborn Lead Alto
Taylor Huston Second Alto
Daniel Waller Lead Tenor
Marlon Love Second Tenor
Brent Ashmore Baritone

Trumpets
Jon Baker Lead
Angela Tabor Second Solo
Elliot Watson Third
John Rue Fourth

Rhythm Section
David Coleman & Evan Stinson Piano
James Hockman Bass
Will Bryer Guitar
Wes Patrick Latin

Sound Technician
Chris Sparks

"Jazz is the big brother of the blues. If a guy's playing blues like we play, he's in high school. When he starts playing jazz it's like going on to college, to a school of higher learning."

— B.B. King

Robert Clayborn (left) plays a solo during "Dat Dere."

The Jazz Band (top) is under the direction of John Ungurait.
Amanda Hand (right) makes it look so easy.

Will Bryer strikes a chord during the band's Nov. 29 *All That Swings* performance.

Groovin' Hard

Clubs & **Organizations**

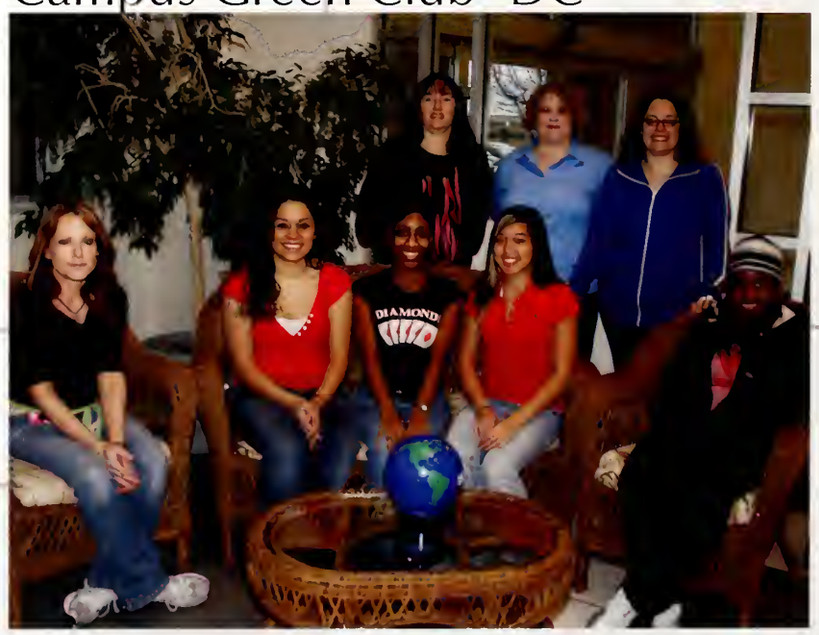
4 Twelve-DC

Members are (l to r) Adviser, Dr. James Overton, Kevin Jourdan, Zac Dale, Jonathan Robbins, Hannah Kelso and Kurt Barnett. President Brian Anderson is not pictured.

Alpha Gamma Chi-PTK-DC

Members are (front row, l to r) Lyndsey Marr, Renee Canada (back row) John Pidgette, Andrew Mauney, Angela Mauney, Allison Mauney, Keesha Medley, Melissa Browder Forrester, and Tammy Holloway.

Campus Green Club- DC



Members are (front row, l to r) Sheri Todd, Ashley Pena, Shynessa Cook, Manica Buenaventura and Jasmine Coleman, *secretary*; (standing) Adviser Barbara Bugg; Mary Zluticky, *co-president;* and Miranda Mitchell, *co-president;* (not pictured) Holly Chisholm, *P.R. officer*, Rhio Davis, Jessica Doyle, Jessica Gandy, Ben Grady, Cassie Keel, Kellie Kish, Vincent Hale, Latisha Hicks, Nakia Holmes, *treasurer*, Olivia Lee, Desiree McCain, Jason Medlin, Mark Pollard, Bailey Roberson, Darnell Tisdell and David Tisdell.

AgTech

Members are (front row, l to r) Paul Crowson; Aaron Jolley; Andrew Fortune; (second row) Phillip Hayes, Mike Alderson, Josh Hanna, Blane McGuire, Matt McCollum, John Campbell, Jeremy Bolen, Timothy Reed and Adviser Jeremy Massey; (back row) Anthony Taylor, Seth Raulston, Mickey Sowell, Joseph Kimzey and Adviser Shane Louwerens.

BSU Council Members

Members are (front row, l to r) Jayne Erwin; Katie Shelby; Ashley Manning; Emily Williams; Elizabeth Williams; Amanda Hand; (back row; l to r) Steven Means; Daniel Waller; Bryan McCormick, *president*; Samuel Gregory. Justin Ricks is not pictured.

Student Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals- DC

Members are (first row, l to r) Adviser Cynthia Stanford-Means, Sabrina Robbins, Stephanie Jeans, Henrietta Rowland, Adviser Ricky Stevens; (back row) Ashley Person and Elizabeth Tomlinson.

Members are Tammy Oliver, Stacy Hancock, Michelle Jenkins, Jennifer Atteberry, Megan Newton, Brittany Byrd, and Advisers Cynthia Stanford-Means and Ricky Stevens.

Cosmetology-LYTC

Members are (front row, l to r) Lilly Twilley; Haley Edge; Brittany Foster; Tami McCord; Valerie Perry; Tina Nicholson; Amy Meziere; Audrionna Scott; Wendy Quarles; Diana DuBois; Victoria Waites; Emily Childers; Wendy Schmitz and Nelya Rickabaugh.

Cosmetology

Members include all students enrolled in Cosmetology on the Senatobia campus.

Officers are Autumn Walker, *president*, Dakota Hamblin, *vice president*, Angelica Wilson, *secretary*, Joshua Philip, *treasurer*, David Brent, *activities chairman*. Adviser is Bud Donahou.

Environmental Science Club

Jazz Band members are Robert Clayborn, Taylor Huston, Daniel Waller, Marlon Love, Brent Ashmore, Jon Baker, Angela Tabor, Elliott Watson, John Rue, Amanda Hand, Tommy Jasmin, Martin Warren, Amber Neal, Mitch Bryant, David Coleman, Evan Stinson, James Hockman, Lamar Tedford, Wes Patrick and Chris Sparks.

Entertainers are Justin Buchanan, Drew Carlton, Cliff Evans, Matt Finley, Lydia Hardy, Carolyn Marsh, Rachel McGibboney, Lauren Wade, Adonis Certion, Jessica Elliott, Shad Green, Alyssa McElfresh, Josh Reeves, Bobby Rowland, Brittany Trimble, Clara Grace Watson.

Entertainers-Jazz Band

Computer Professionals United

Members are (front row, l to r) Kenneth Sigler, Chase Terry, Kandice Jordan, Karmen Bly; (back row) Adviser Signy Givens, Rachel Stone, Clint Whitehead, Larry Mays and Ovid Smith.

Delta Epsilon Chi-DC

DEX members are (front row, l to r) Kayla Bridgewater, Brittany Barker; Leandra Mosley; (second row) Candice Jordan, Michael Shelton, Sarah Shelton, Chelsea Mullen, Amber Bell, Leora Taylor, Adviser Kay Mistilis, Heather Mohundro, Melissa Browder-Forrester; (third row) Daniel Conners, Amanda Packard, Reed Bouchillon, Adam Fullimore, Bill Markley and Matt Harpe.

Members include Kevin Bailey, Denethia Brown, Jalissa Coker, Lucas Dodson, Jacqueline Giles, Lakeedra Giles, Russell Hubbard, Rachel Hunter, Shanderica Isable, Melinda Pittman, Antwaine Pride, Cordaryl Roland, Brittney Rudd, Terry Rucker, Kimberly Smith, Sigourney Smith, Jamison White, Brandy Wrenn. Advisers are Joan Rose, Bert Foster, Julie Correro and Gail Dossett.

FEA

Future Educators of America officers for the 07-08 year are: (l to r) Sarah Pierce, *secretary;* Kyle Foley, *vice president*; Johnathan McKinney, *Reporter*; Debra Payne, *president*; Eric Pickens, *treasurer.*

FEA Officers

GSA

Members are (front) Le'She Smith; (back, l to r) Adviser Barbara Bugg; Clay Mangrum; Casey Bellew; Brian Russell; Kyle Foley; Joseph Abrams; and Shane Williams. Not pictured are Ashley Avant; Brandi Bates; David Brent; Amber Brewer; Robin Brewer; M.J. Coker; Chad Collins; Hannah Jo Farris; Kathryn Hall; Brandon Hill; James Hockman; Ericka Hughes; Marcus Jackson; Alex Juergens; Brittany Laster; Jonathan Lee; J.C. Martin; Alyssa McElfresh; Samantha Miller; Joseph Miner; Lauren-Grace Mitchell; Kevin Pannell; Sarah Pierce; Christian Reyes; Bobby Rowland; Erica Savage; Angelina Sawyer; Brittany Simmons; Taylor Stuart; Sam Tanner; Matthew Toliver; Magen Tumey and Jamison White.

Health Care Assistants-LYTC

Members are (front row, l to r) Tarshia Taylor, Emily Brewer, Linda Haire, *president*, Adviser Cheryl Elkins, Tonja Grose, *secretary/treasurer*, Keke Frison, Stephanie Faulkner; (back; row l to r) Roeshell Kimball, *vice president*, Shannon Miller, Kim King, Cherrish Curry, Wanda Hervey, Samantha Graham, Destinae Pierce and Belinda Williams.

Members are (front row, l to r) Adviser Judy Barham, Kristena Curtis, Marybeth Pope, Rebecca Porter, Marquita Poole; (second row) Laqunza Petty, Mary Hendrix, Angel Crump, Bashara Grose, Veronica Youngblood; (third row) Jessica Self, Lisa Cauthern, Tiffany Tillmon; (fourth row) Kiffany Rice, Amber Aaron, Karmesha Irons, Sherri Stenson, Ashley Marion; (fifth row) Ina Singleton, Kenyata Clark, Lynette Wooten, Adviser Dr. Alice Camp, and Salena Westmoreland.

Members are (front row, l to r) Freda Brown, Jamila Pugh, Katie Fili and Christine Carter; (back row) Keiarra Porter, Adrian Lesure, Jerilyn Arnold and Courtnee Brazeal.

Paralegal

PASTE

Les Fauves

Members are (back row, l to r) Adviser Eunika Rogers, Daniel Woods, Eli Brumley, Alex White, Kyle Robinzine, Joe Tyler, Clark Marzell, Danny Young, Bryan Horn, *vice president*, Laura Harthcock, *president*, Bea Howell, Adviser Lawayne House; (middle row) Stephanie Jenkins, Amanda Wade, Brittany Donald, Josh Ramos, Adviser Ashley Chavis, Kelly Smith, Coltan Macmillan; (front row; l to r) Kalmonti Morris, Justin Vick, Evanie Burgess, Savannah Smith, Cassie Case and Jessica Hughes.

Mu Alpha Theta

Members are (first row, l to r) Jon Pratt, Daniel Sayger, treasurer; Ben Moore, *president*; (second row) Carlson Graham, Rivers Smith, Bonnie Hicks, *secretary*, KaWanda Martin and Rachael Scott, *vice president*; (third row) Daniel Franco, Preston Davis and Dave Funderburk.

Members are (front row, l to r) Emily Moore, *parliamentarian*, Bernadette Davis, *president,* Sonja Page, *vice president*, April Champion, *reporter*, Priscilla Stokes, *secretary,* Ronnie Turner, *historian,* Cindy Lloyd, *treasurer*; (back row) Christine Craigo, Samantha Sims, Holly Griffin, Shamonica Wren, Mary Camp, Penny Lucius, Jessica Moore and Tasha Hester.

Phi Beta Lambda-LYTC

Members are (l to r) Alyssa McElfresh, Nathan Algee, Brandi Bates, Johnathan Lee, Megan Clayton, Adviser Sam Weakley, Jamison White, Janae Hunt and Jessica Cannon.

Players

Practical Nursing

Members include (front row, l to r) Carrie Williams, Alanda Henderson, Maria Johns, Letisa Wade, Ashley Azbell, Hannah Kennedy, Klandra Reed; (second row) Martha Bullard, Sherrie Lowe, Kellye Rock, Rhonda Holmes, Kimberly Campbell; (third row) Jennifer Self, Audrey Brents, Ashley Finley, Shanta Burton, Dianna Hughes; (back row) Rebecca Poe, Gregory Holman, Amanda Pearson, McKasher Holts and Stefanie Bray.

Practical Nurses Association-DC

Members are (front row, l to r) Adviser Tamara Pittman, LaWanda Williams, Patricia Leonard, Kirk Pafford, Alecia Williams, Brandy Richardson, Chasity Ford, Crystal Chacon, Lindsey Durham, Adviser Laura Legge; (second row) Angela Bearden, Judy Gipson, Reshondialyn Hebert, Patrice Jones, Rebecca Rowland, Tia Haas, Jennifer Mathis, LaToya Johnson, Kimberly Burns; (third row) Lintara Smith, Dana Lochridge, Christie Lee and Jennifer Russell.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Members are (First row, l to r) Marieo Jones, Chris Sparks, *president,* Chris Herndon, Wes Patrick, *education officer*, Joseph Abrahms, *alumni relations officer;* (second row) Brent Ashmore, *treasurer,* Anthony Bammer, *secretary,* John Rue; (third row) Joseph Brown, *historian,* Chris Bellora and James Hockman. Not pictured Lamar Tedford, Dawson Olds, Nathan Watson, Daniel Shemwell, Chris Johnson, and John Ungurait, *adviser.*

Members are (front row, l to r) Bobi Foster, *photographer*, Lizzy Gray, *editor* and Leeds Hackman; (second row) Brooke Orman, Leigha Cianciolo, Stephanie Lawson, Mary Gard, Adviser Renate Ferreira; (third row) Mario Felix, James Hockman, Justin Ford and Eddie Bright. Not pictured are Wes Grillette and sponsors Nancy Patterson, Julie Bauer, LaJuan Tallo and Brett Brown.

Respiratory Care Society-DC

Members are (front row, l to r) Monica Thompson, Seth Baker, Tara Dogan, Misty Green, Jamie Chapius, Ashley McCullar; (second row) Christina Hunter Mike Halford, Krystal Delagarza, Katelyn Crisswell, Angela Hannah, Bobbie Holderfield, Liz Tanksley; (third row) Adviser Chris Ware, Chris Buck, Crystal Babb, Jonathan Walters, Christy Ferguson, Michelle Brides, Kim Hogan, Prabha Malholtra; (fourth row) C.C. Craft, Heather Austin. Not pictured are Jennifer Read, Kelly Winn, Michael Weaver and Lacandis Burnette.

Rocketeer

Phi Theta Kappa-Officers

Officers are (front row) Wyatt Lydolph, Lauren Steward, Rivers Smith, Daniel Franco, Rebekah Green; (second row) DeRandy Butler, Kawanda Martin, Rachel Hunter, Bart Allen; (third row) Dr. Kim Hamilton-Wims, James Baker, Jane Williamson, *advisers*. Members of PTK (not pictured) are Craig Ambrose, Chelsea Anderson, Capri Austin, Joshua Bain, Amber Bailey, Brittany Barnett, Courtney Blake, Lakeshia Boclear, Addison Brewer, Joshua Carr, Richard Chaney, Tara Copeland, April Covington, Molly Cox, David Davis, Joseph Dunaway, Jennifer Farris, Landon Fisher, Mona Foshee, Amber Gibson, Carlson Graham, Samuel Gregory, Leeds Hackman, Laura Harthcock, Erica Holland, Stephanie Howard, Anna Irby, Lauren Lawson, Elaine Lennard, Carol Lumbsden, Thomas Martin, Mary Meredith, Forrest Nicholson III, Gabrielle Nieves, Jonathan Pratt, Amanda Red, Kelsey Reed, Ryan Roberson, Chase Savage, Ashley Scott, Debbie Scott, Brittney Sensabaugh, Rachel Stone, Edna Tanous, Chase Tewy, Rebecka Thompson, Christina Tunney, Cameron T. Walker, Clara Grace Watson, LaDonna Wiley, Elizabeth Williams, David VanDyke, David Vaughn; (new inductees) Samantha Arrants, Julia Backen, Brandon Beverly, Kenneth Bunyard, Deborah Coleman, Brittany Cox, Misty Davis, Haley Drake, Charlie Edwards, Barbara Felix, Daniel Franco, Heather Fugate, William Funderburk, Deanna Grant, Terquillia Hentz, Linda Hitchcock, Andrew Joslin, Hillary Moss, Dianna Neal, Brenda Norwood, Stacy O'Neal, Meredith Peel, Vince Printup, Lauren Putnam, Jenni Rich, and Larry Sappington.

Members are (l to r) Coach Bud Young, Cole Baker, Ryan Parker, Brad Romedy, Callie Alexander, Neil Whaley, Drew Riddle, Ross Hester, Bud Whitehead and Matt Gray. Not pictured are Lauren Mitchum and Tanna Halfacre.

Rodeo Club

The Ranger Rocket

Members of the newspaper staff include (seated) Hannah Little, *editor*, JuJuan McNeil, Jonathan Williams; (back row) S.A. Umberger, Adviser Renate Ferreira, Amber Blair, Clare Smith, Jason Wills, Kristi Williamson, Bettina Fant, Russell Mahan, Nicholas Thompson. Not pictured are Kyle Robinzine, Justin Ford, Wes Grillette, Geoffrey Dunn and sponsors Nancy Patterson, Julie Bauer, LaJuan Tallo and Brett Brown.

Members are (first row, l to r) Rachel Scott, Rivers Smith, Brad Grantham, *president*; (second row) Amanda Bufkin, Laurel Robinson, Ashley Ware, Wyatt Lydolph, Lauren Steward, Daniel Franco, *vice president*; (third row) Disheanna Hoyle, Janae Hunt, Hunter Calvert; (fourth row) Adviser Marcus Perkins, Jon Pratt, Lashonda Gibson, and Adviser Kayce Aultman.

Science & Math Club

SGA-DC

Members are (first row, l to r) Adviser Ginger Jackson, Barak Griffin, Jasmine Coleman, Sheri Todd, Adviser Wendy Forrester, Manica Buenaventura, Shynessa Cook; (second row) James Hubbard, *secretary,* Andrew Mauney, Mary Zluticky, *president,* Ashley Pena, Adviser Randall Warren. Not pictured are Melissa Browder-Forrester, *treasurer* and Caiden Britt, *vice president*.

Sigma Phi Sigma-DC

Members are Laura Lyles, Candice Jackson, Gayla Howington, Rhonda Hastings, and Pamela Ware; (second row) Adviser Larry Anderson, Randy Hargis and Doug Turner.

Members are (front row; l to r) Anissa Boles, Kim McEwen, Shanita McFerrin, (second row) Roshaundrian Lee, Heather Mills, Heather Coleman and Jessica Jankowski; (third row) Adviser Adonis Land, Lauren Brewer, Alice Bagwell, Barbara Hawkins, Valarie Hudson, Valerie Floyd, Rose Calfee, Holli Card, (back row) Scarlett Pullen, Hayley Shaw, Marnie Cobern, Brandi Jenkins, Barbara McAlexander, Cassandra Willis and Adviser Larraine Kitchens.

Sr. Practical Nurses-LYTC

Recruiters are (front row, l to r) Nicholas Franklin, Emily Williams,(second row) Sharon Sayle, Elizabeth Williams, Ashley Hobson, and Jessica Steinman; (third row) Cale Johnson, A.J. Foster, Morgan Philley, Chelsea Bailey, Bobi Foster, Lataja Wallace, J.C. Martin, and Zack Suddoth; (top row) Lakeshia Boclear, Kayla Reed, Theron Fly and Bart Allen.

Student Recruiters

Student Nurses Association

Members are (kneeling; l to r) Hillary Hart, Mallory Nestor, Jennifer Potts, Lauren Saxon, Scarlett Ullrich, Jennifer Stroud; (second row) Instructor Dianne Scott, Monica Mitchell, Christy Lozon, Callie Koger, Brittany Orman, Summers Godbold; (third row) Instructors Pam Briscoe and Denise Bynum; Stephanie Martin, Katie Garner, Renee Lee, Melanie Benton, Shane Quick, Brandon Raines, Michael Mims, Becky Quinley, Paige Miller, Michelle Dubuisson, Kim Moore and Kelly Shideler.

Spanish Club

Members are (l to r) Monica Carden, Janae Hunt, Adviser June Turner, Ashleigh Bowen, Carol Waller and Derrick Doole.

Peer tutors are (l to r) Tatia Niehoff, Mary Zluticky, Adviser Kitt Albritton, Swati Malhotra and Sheri Todd.

Success Club-DC

Members are (back row; l to r) Adviser Peggy Roder, Lindsey Helms, *historian*, Sharika Buck, John Harris, *president*, Andrea House, *vice president*, Becky Gates, Lora Cook, (second row) Pam Ward, Britney Sanford, Erica Persons, Tavara Rudd, (seated) Helena Ware, Paula Eldridge and Heather Houston.

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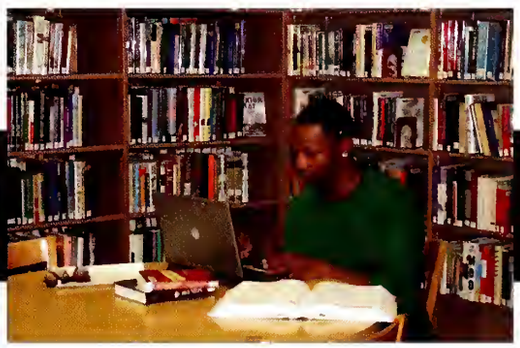
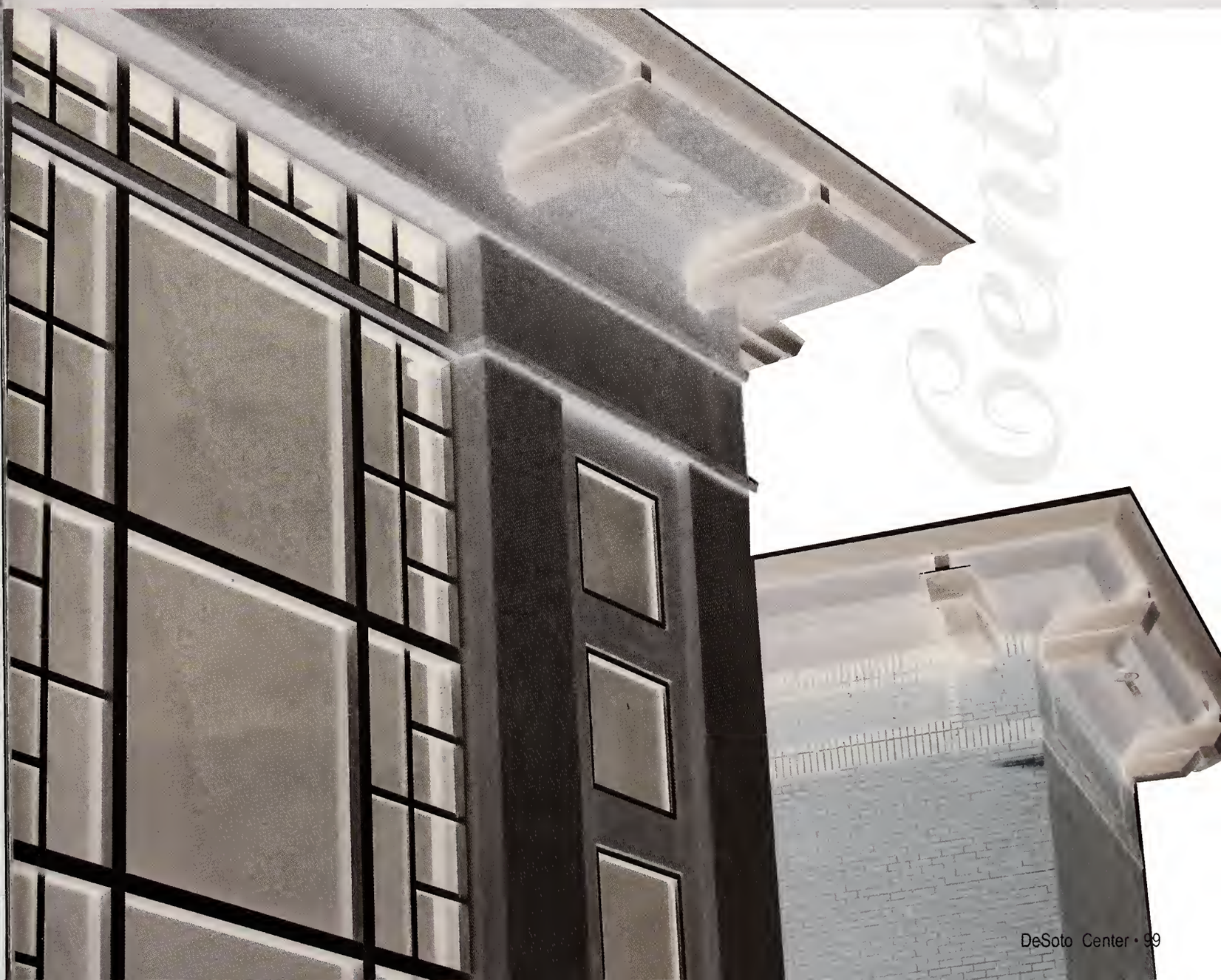


In the commons, you are sure to find dozens of students doing some last minute studying, grabbing a snack, or in the case of Jason Charnes (left), Lindsay Weaver, and Katie Weaver, chatting before their next class.

After seven years at their current location on Church Road in Southaven, faculty and staff at DeSoto Center have seen their campus grow from an enrollment of 1,350 in the fall of 1995 to 2,702, more than double, in the fall of 2007. With that growth has come expansion of the original 94,000-square foot building to include a 47,000-square foot addition in 2005 that added 25 classrooms, two science labs, two computer labs, five distance learninclassrooms, and offices. In the spring of 2008, Phase III of DeSoto Center's expansion was completed with the renovation of three classrooms into two biology labs and the 13,000-square foot build-out of the basement area to accommodate six classrooms, a computer lab and nine faculty offices. Expansion of the library was also included to provide more space for patrons.

In addition to a growing enrollment, another reason for expansion at the center was Northwest's continuing partnership with The University of Mississippi. Through the 2+2 Program, Northwest students can continue their educational journey at DeSoto Center by attending UM classes in disciplines such as education, business administration, liberal arts, criminal justice, or accountancy. Nine bachelor's and five master's degree programs are available.

Students can also take advantage of the scholarships available through the 2+2 Scholarship Initiative. The five-year fundraising effort is currently in its third year and has raised approximately $615,000 to be used exclusively for scholarships benefitting 2+2 students at DeSoto Center. Two major annual fundraising events for the initiative are the BancorpSouth 2+2 Scholarship Golf Tournament and the Domino's 2+2 Celebrity Pizza Buffet. The golf tournament, held Sept. 27 at Cherokee Valley Golf Club in Olive Branch, raised $32,000 for the initiative. Students and staff got the chance to be served by local celebrities Oct. 29 during the pizza buffet, sponsored by DeSoto County Domino's franchise owners Jason Shifflett and Diane Barrentine. Diners could choose from a lunch or dinner buffet, or take home a large, two-topping pizza. Area mayors, coaches, and even WMC-TV 5 news anchor Joe Birch participated in the event, which netted $3,600.



Psychology instructor George Hertl (above, center) struggles to get his pizza down in the pizza eating contest during the Domino's 2+2 Celebrity Pizza Buffet Oct. 29 at the center.

Teams of students and faculty members from Northwest and the University of Mississippi competed in the event, where each person on the team had to eat one piece of pepperoni pizza as fast as possible. Winners were (above, l to r) Brian Anderson of Southaven, Michael Lacey of Southaven, Marty Adkins of Horn Lake and Michael Mason of Horn Lake.

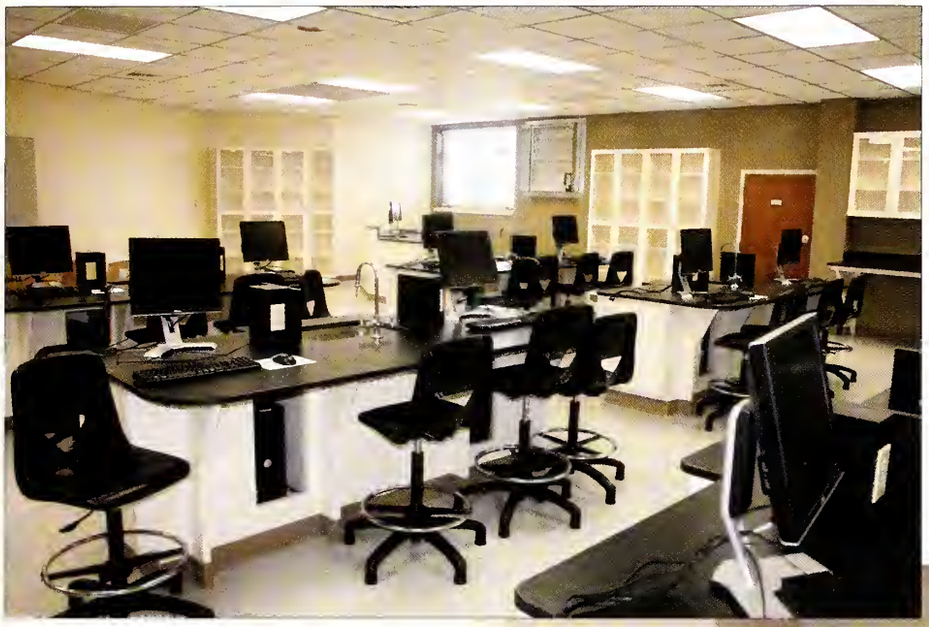
2+2 Scholarship Initiative steering committee member Holly Merrifield (left) joins UM-DeSoto Dean Bonnie Buntin and Northwest DeSoto Center Dean Richie Lawson at the registration table during the golf tournament. (right)

Bobby Chamberlin of Hernando tests his putting skills for a chance at $5,000 during the BancorpSouth 2+2 Golf Tournament, held Sept. 27 at Cherokee Valley Golf Club. A total of 45 four-man teams participated in the tournament, which featured complimentary lunch and dinner, door prizes, a putting contest, and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. Chamberlin tied for first in the closest to the pin contest. (above)

Dean Lawson oversees the putting contest. (above)

Teams get ready to head to the course prior to the afternoon shotgun start. (left)

New & Improved at DeSoto Center



Renovations completed for the spring semester include the transformation of three classrooms on the third floor into two spacious, state-of-the-art biology labs, complete with computer workstations. (left)

A snack bar located in the second floor commons area opened in the fall for students needing to grab a quick bite to eat between classes. The snack bar sells a variety of sandwiches and salads in addition to fruit, chips, cookies and numerous beverages. It is run by Bill Paden (left) and Axel Graue. (right)

Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center

Construction is underway on the Oxford campus. In November bids were taken at the Northwest Board of Trustees meeting for expansion at the Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center in Oxford. This 9,670-square-foot addition will house the new Cosmetology lab with public entrance and parking for patrons. Along with the lab there will be three classrooms, seven faculty offices and a multi-office for adjunct faculty. Enrollment continued to grow at the Oxford facility. Fall 2007 enrollment for the center increased by 68 students for a total of 1,170. There are 782 students in day classes, up 66 students; and the center reports 388 in evening classes, up 2.

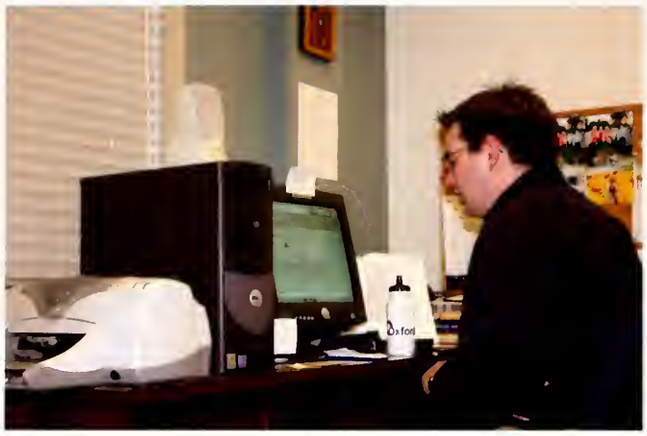
LYTC Dean, Dr. Jack Butts, had two surprises in May 2007. At the annual Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony held May 3, he was recognized for 40 years of service to the college. His award was a rocking chair, complete with the Northwest seal and an inscription.

A week later, the Northwest Board of Trustees voted to name the 2005 annex on the Oxford campus the Dr. Jack Butts Building. During his years of service, Butts served as a business instructor, director of the Academic Business Division and registrar. He was named director of LYTC in the fall of 1986.

Senior Practical Nursing majors (below) practice patient care skills in the nursing lab at the Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center.

Northwest President, Dr. Gary Lee Spears, (standing, right) and Northwest Board of Trustees Chairman M. Clarence Sparks, Jr., (standing, left) congratulate Dr. Butts (seated) for his years of service.

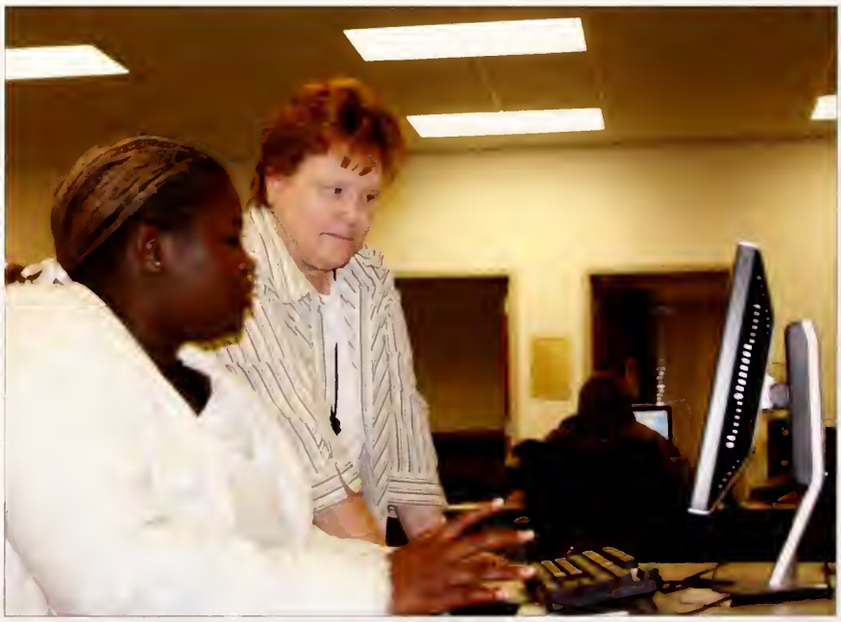
Workers from Murphy and Sons, a commercial and industrial contraction agency from Southaven, break ground on a cool January day at Northwest's Oxford campus. Construction includes a new Cosmetology lab that is slated to be finished by January 2009.



English instructor Nathan Henton (above) posts lecture materials to BlackBoard.

Shanice Caradine (left) of Grenada walks to class with Sherlena Glover of Holly Springs.

Practical Nursing major Michelle Moore from Water Valley (left) poses with some friends before class starts, including (l to r) Moore, Octavia Townsend, Business, Water Valley; Sandra Rocket, Nursing, Water Walley; Keiarra Kimbell, Nursing, Bruce and Whitley McJunkins, Oxford, Nursing (above).



Instructor Sheryl Elkins (right) assists Natasha Woodard, a Health Care Assistant major from Water Valley during a class lecture.

Cosmetology majors Valerie Perry (left) from Charleston and Audrionna Scott from Oakland, practice their hairstyling skills during casual day.

Cosmetology students are Brandon Terry, Carin Booker, Carlen McKenzie, Gina Work, Instructor Tommie Whiteside, Kiara Stricklen, Brittney Allen, Carla Harris, Tan Jackson.

Renee Thompson takes notes as instructor Shelia Burcham prepares the class for a test. (below, left)

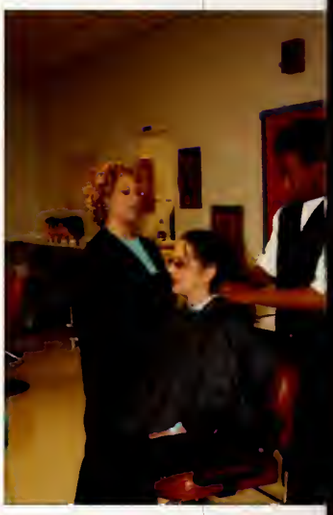
Students learn the correct way to roll a patient. (below)

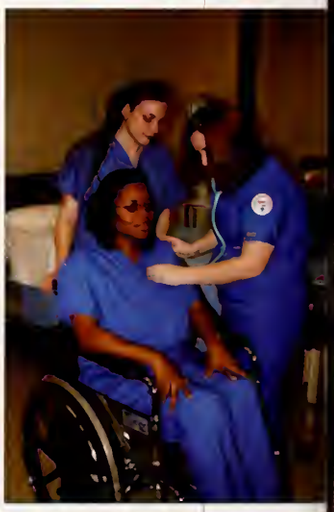
Latoya Carruth uses special equipment in the lab to practice a vein puncture. (top, right)

Students take turns checking heart rate. (below, right)

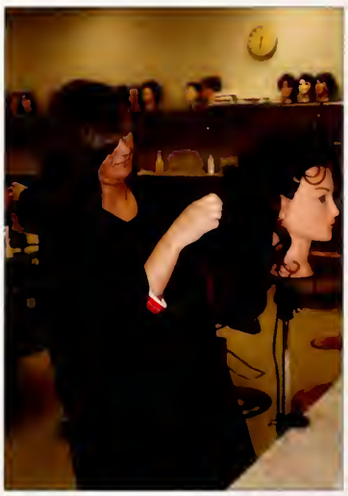
Brandon Terry and Carlen McKenzie work on Carin Booker's hairstyle during a class exercise. (right)

Tan Jackson works on fellow student Kiara Stricklen during lab time. (bottom, right)

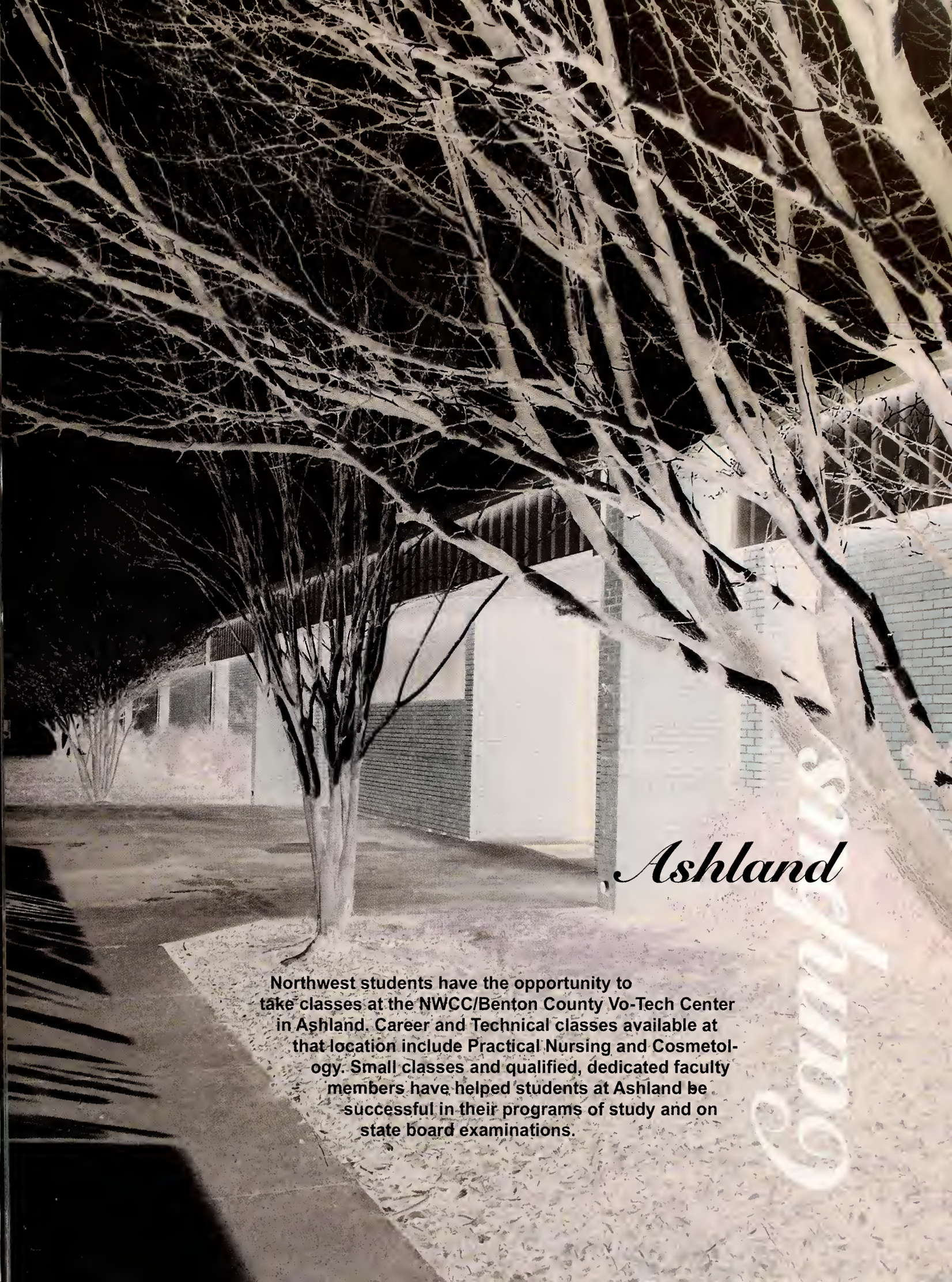




Practical Nursing students are (back row, l-r) Brittany Bishop, Maggie Jackson, Britteny Childers, Audrey Crawford, Jennifer Tatum, Latoya Carruth, Erica Richardson, Renee Thompson, Instructor Sheila Burcham, Linda Thompson; (front row, l-r) Samantha Barber, Courtney Grisham, Christina Hopper, April Stanton and Brittany Aldridge.



Gina Work finishes a comb-out on a mannequin. (above)



Ashland

Northwest students have the opportunity to take classes at the NWCC/Benton County Vo-Tech Center in Ashland. Career and Technical classes available at that location include Practical Nursing and Cosmetology. Small classes and qualified, dedicated faculty members have helped students at Ashland be successful in their programs of study and on state board examinations.

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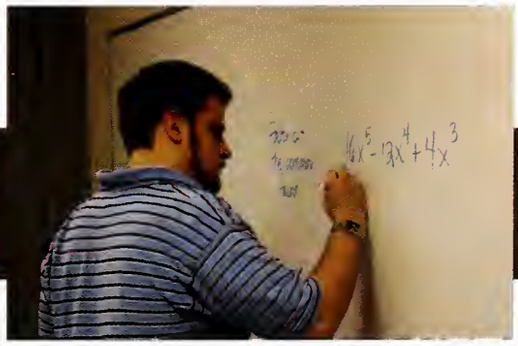


hall of FAME

Jayne Darshunda Beard

Crystal Dawn Babb

Daniel Harrison Conners

Daniel Franco

Rebekah Loy Green

Eleven students were inducted into the 2007-2008 Northwest Hall of Fame, which is the highest academic honor a Northwest student can receive. They were recognized by the Board of Trustees at the February meeting.

Those students include Jayne Darshunda Beard of New Albany, Crystal Dawn Babb of Paris, Daniel Harrison Conners of Fairview, Daniel Franco of Potts Camp, Rebekah Loy Green of Coldwater, Alyssa McElfresh of Senatobia, Debra Payne of Lambert, Tracie Russell of Oxford, Lauren Steward of Senatobia, Clara Grace Watson of Holcomb and Mary Zluticky of Southaven.

Beard, a medical office technology major at the Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Beta Lambda. She was chosen as an Outstanding Student and was on the President's List, the Dean's List, and the National Dean's List.

Babb, a respiratory therapy major at the DeSoto Center, is a member of the American Association of Respiratory Care and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She received the Honors Scholarship, was chosen as an Outstanding Student, and was on the President's List and the Dean's List.

Conners, a hotel/restaurant management technology major at the DeSoto Center, served as vice-president, reporter, parliamentarian, events chairman and fund raising chairman for Delta Epsilon Chi. He was chosen as an Outstanding Student and was on the President's List. He was the top six winner in Mississippi state competition for Business Ethics in 2007. He was also the top 12 winner in international competition of Business Ethics in the same year.

Franco, a pre-med major at the main campus, is a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Society, Baptist Student Union, and an officer in both Phi Theta Kappa and the Science and Math Club. Franco was named Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He was also on the President's List and the Dean's List.

Green, a pre-clinical laboratory science major at the main campus, is a member of Skills USA-VICA, Northwest Jazz Band, Northwest Concert Band, and an officer of Phi Theta Kappa. Green served as the president for Les Fauves. She was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, an Outstanding Student, and was on the Dean's List. In addition, Green was involved as a tutor for Student Support Services and work-study student for the theatre department and the welding and cutting department.

McElfresh, a theatre major at the main campus, is a member of Northwest Entertainers, Northwest Singers, Honor Choir, Chamber Choir, Infinite Monkeys and the Baptist Student Union. She served as an officer for the Northwest Players and was involved in the speech and theater productions: "Fiddler on the Roof," "Crimes of the Heart," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "She Stoops to Conquer," and "Medea."

Payne, a secondary education major at the main campus, served as the president for the Future Educators of America and is a member of the Baptist Student Union. She was named Miss NWCC for the Senatobia campus, Rotary Student of the Month, and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She was also on the Dean's List.

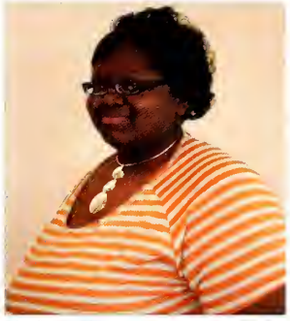
Russell, an accountancy major at the Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She was also on the President's List.

Steward, a phe-pharmacy major at the main campus, is a member of the Science and Math Club and the Baptist Student Union. She served as the president for the Pre-Pharmacy Club and was an officer for Phi Theta Kappa. She was given the Leadership Award and was on the President's List.

Watson, a general college major at the main campus, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Northwest Jazz Band, Northwest Entertainers, Northwest Singers, Ranger Marching Band, Honors Choir, Chamber Choir, Woodwind Ensemble, and the Baptist Student Union. She served as the president for both the Northwest Concert Band and the Wesley Foundation. Watson choreographed two productions, "She Stoops to Conquer" as well as choreographed and played a part in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." She was named Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was on the President's List. She was part of the Student Forum representing the state of Mississippi.

Zluticky, an elementary education major at the DeSoto Center, is a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Society, Baptist Student Union, and is an officer for both Phi Theta Kappa and the Science and Math Club. She was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was on the President's List and the Dean's List.

Alyssa McElfresh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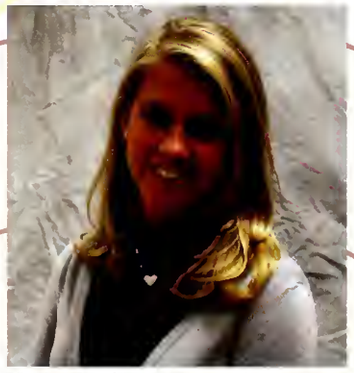
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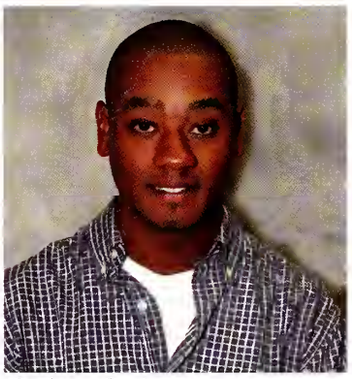
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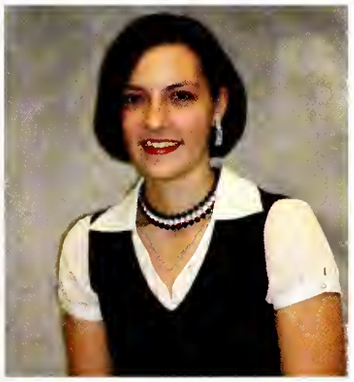
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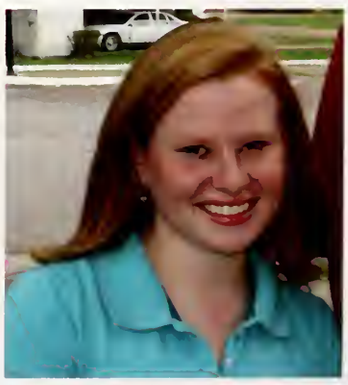
Elizabeth Williams

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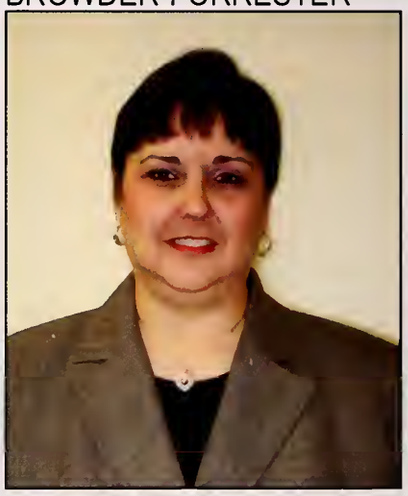

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Water Valley, LYTC

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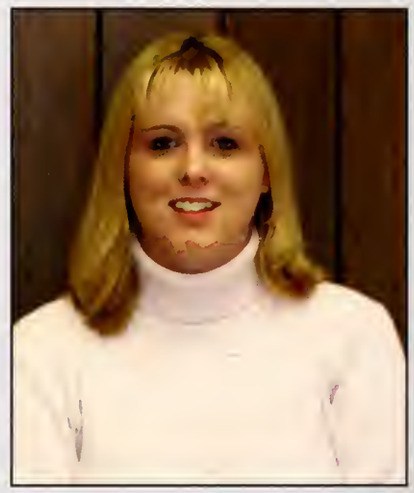

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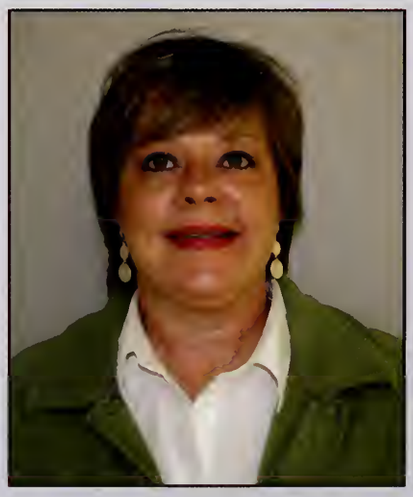

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Business Administration
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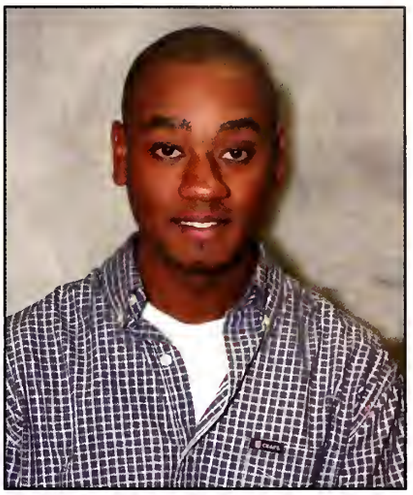

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Elementary Education
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MAUNEY

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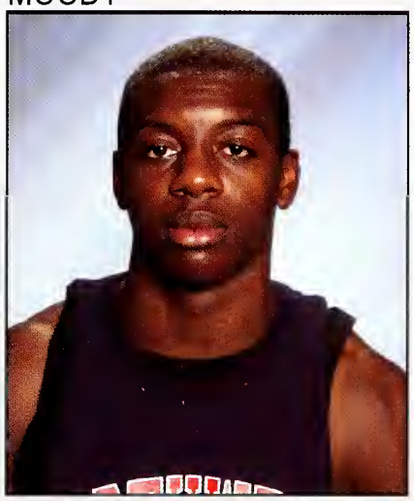

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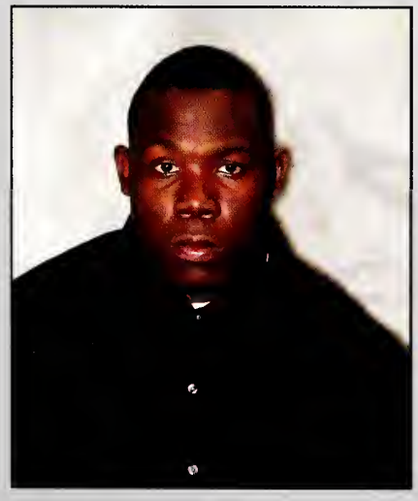

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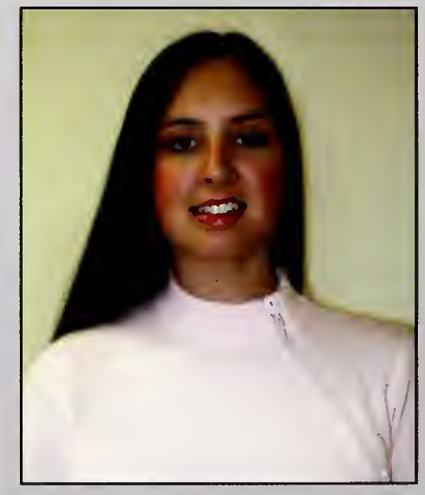

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HEAD

Higher Education Appreciation Day

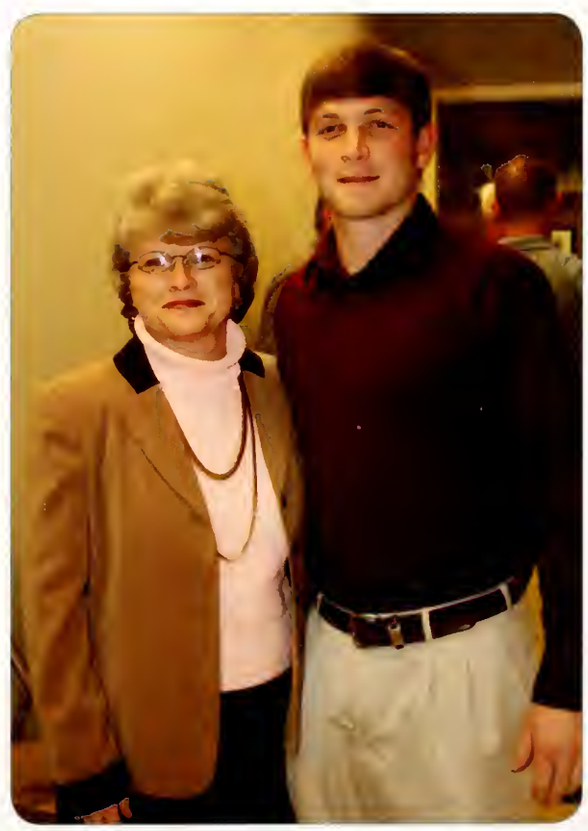
A student and faculty member from Northwest were selected as honorees of HEADWAE.

HEADWAE was established by Mississippi Legislative Resolution #88 in 1987 to annually honor the academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

Ryan Roberson

Ryan Anthony Roberson, a sophomore Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology major, was selected as the student honoree from Northwest. Roberson is currently on the Dean's List, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was selected Outstanding Student. He is also a pitcher for the Ranger baseball team.

Roberson, son of Kathy and the late Tony Roberson, is from Senatobia.



Ryan Roberson and his mother, Kathy Roberson

Working for Academic Excellence

Mary Lipscomb

Mary Lipscomb, an instructor of English for more than 14 years at Northwest, was selected as the faculty honoree.

Lipscomb received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the Mississippi University for Women, and a M.A.T. in English from Vanderbilt University.

While at Northwest, Lipscomb has served as sponsor for the NWCC Scholar's Bowl, and as a member of the Curriculum Committee and the SACS Leadership Committee.

She also holds memberships with the Two-Year College (English) Association of Mississippi. Civic affiliations include Como Opera Guild and Panola Playhouse.

Lipscomb resides in Como with her husband, Robert H. Lipscomb. They are the parents of a daughter, Lee Wright Lipscomb, and a son, R. Hays Lipscomb.

The Appreciation Day, hosted by the Legislature each February in Jackson, is the Legislature's way of saying "thank you" to these students and faculty members for their commitment to the future of Mississippi.

Honoring Outstanding Contributions in Promoting Academic Excellence

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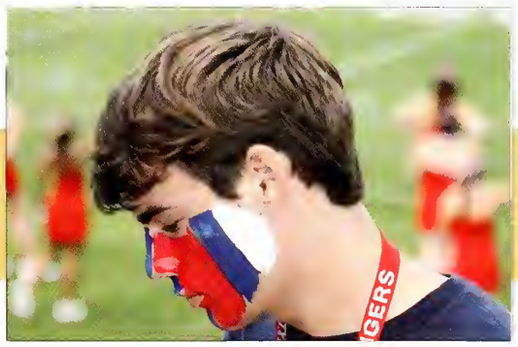

Dr. Spears INITIATES 'BUILDING ON TRADITION'

"This past year there have been several highlights that I am especially proud of. I am excited about our continued good enrollment. Our virtual enrollment has been really good. We have a great college faculty and a dedicated staff. But one of the things I'm most excited about is our "Building on Tradition" program. That is something that will be a lasting contribution to the students of this college for years to come."

What was just a dream a year ago, has become reality for Northwest in the way of physical changes and improvements on all three campuses.

The college is well into the "Building on Tradition" project, a three-year multimillion dollar capital improvement plan approved by the Board of Trustees in June.

"Building on Tradition" is comprised of three sections—future projects, current renovation projects and demolition projects, according to Northwest President, Dr. Gary Lee Spears.

"We are making progress in our 'Building on Tradition' program," he told the board at its regular meeting in November. "The skylines of our campuses are changing."

At that November meeting bids were taken for expansion at the Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center in Oxford. This 9,670-square-foot addition will house the new Cosmetology lab with public entrance and parking for patrons. Along with the lab there will be three classrooms, seven faculty offices and a multi-office for adjunct faculty.

BUILDING TRADITION

Progress continues on the new president's home, located next to the Baptist Student Union. The home, which will serve as the primary residence of the college president will also be used for various college functions throughout the year.

Ground has been broken on the new Physical Science Building addition.

The project includes 38,000 square feet in a new three-story addition that will match the existing architectural style of the current Physical Science Building. The two buildings will be connected through a one-story structure with a common corridor and a 150-seat raised-floor lectorium.

At DeSoto Center, renovation of Phase III has been completed. Build-out of the center's basement has yielded over 13,000 square feet of additional space. (See page 101)

On the Senatobia campus, demolition of the former president's home and several rental houses that have been taken down has been completed to make way for construction of the proposed new Nursing and Child Care facilities. Those sites were reclaimed for re-use.

Renovation is planned for the historic James P. McCormick Administration Building. A two-story high by 15 foot tower will be constructed that will contain an elevator and stair tower. This change will bring the 92-year-old building into compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and OCR (Office of Civil Rights) regulations.

Other components of the "Building on Tradition" plan call for a Child Development Technology Facility, a building to house the Career and Technical programs of Tool and Die Technology and Automotive Technology, and a future Nursing Building.

Funds for these projects will come from institutional funds, county allocations and state bond money.

A LASTING LEGACY

Northwest President Dr. Gary Lee Spears

Dr. Gary Lee Spears was named Alumnus of the Year during Homecoming 2007. Family members attending the Homecoming Celebration included sons Daniel (far left) and Jared (far right) and his wife Marilyn. (See feature on Dr. Spears as Alumnus of the Year on page 15).

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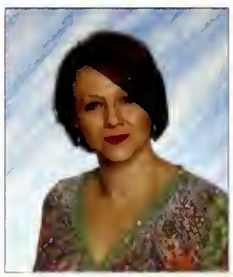

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Lisa Vincent, Nursing
Kristie Waldrop, Mathematics
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Randall Warren, Mathematics, DC
Tommy Watson, Civil Technology
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Pamela White, Practical Nursing
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NW faculty leaves lasting impressions

When Northwest alumni return to campus for reunions, to speak to student groups, or just for a visit, the one thing they always talk about is the quality of the college faculty. It's not unusual to hear former students talk about how their lives were changed and influenced by Northwest instructors.

Agricultural Technology Instructor Jeremy Massey, left, talks to high school students about the programs available at Northwest during the Career-Tech Expo, Oct. 2 and 3. High school students from all over north Mississippi attended the event, learning about available programs and opportunities in career-technical fields. (left)

Julie Correro, director of the Education Division, participates in a "flea-training" exercise at the Go (North) West Student Fair on Nov. 16. About 350 seniors from area high schools attended the fair, which included student speakers, lunch in the Haraway cafeteria, campus tours, door prizes, and a chance to explore available college programs. (right)

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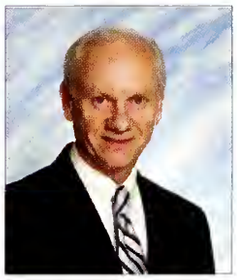

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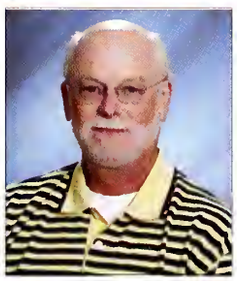

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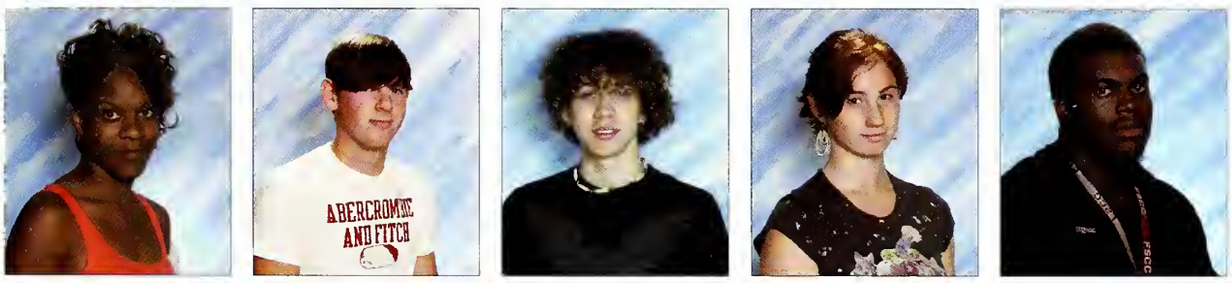

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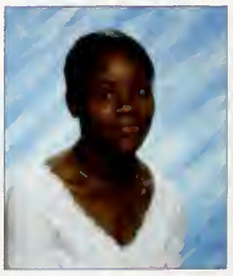

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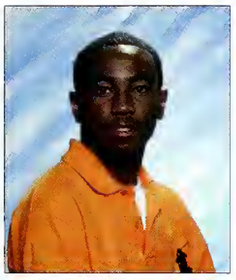

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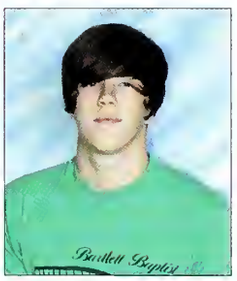

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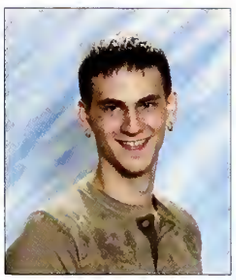
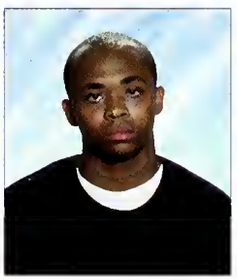

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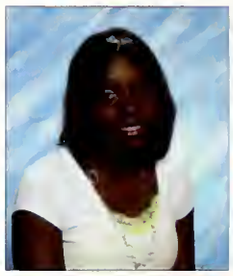

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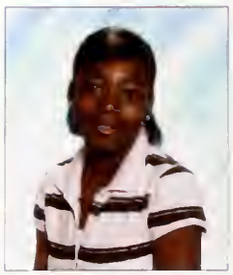

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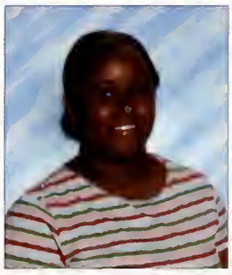

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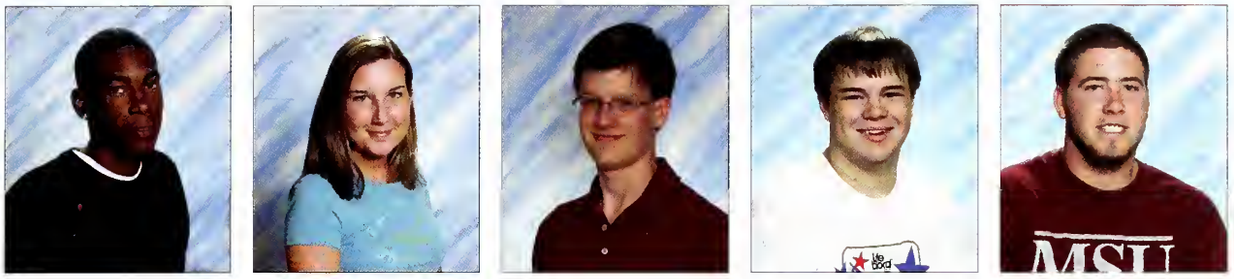

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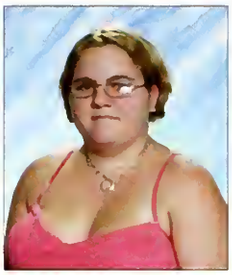

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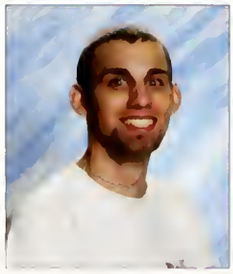

The Baptist Student Union

Mission, Peru

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) traveled to Peru for their second time last July. Fifteen current and former Northwest student members traveled to Chachapoyas for 10 days to help the Emanuel Baptist Church with their program. There the students went to schools to give children parasitic medication and to do sports ministry with soccer and volleyball. The students also helped the church with children's activities, men's group and women's group.

Chachapoyas, Peru is a 24-hour bus ride away from any airport. It is two hours away from where "Raiders of the Lost Ark" was filmed. The BSU charters a bus to take the long ride through incredible vistas and breathtaking scenery.

"Seven translators were hired who are mostly college students from Peru," said Rev. Tom McLaughlin, director of Northwest's Baptist Student Union. "This was the second year of a five-year contract of Peru ministry," said McLaughlin "We gave children their second dose of parasitic medication."

The students felt a small earthquake while there last July — only weeks before the 7.9 magnitude earthquake rocked the coast in August. "We want to take another trip to help with the earthquake relief," said McLaughlin, "I felt my first earthquake there last summer."

One of the great advantages of being a part of the Baptist Student Union here at Northwest is the opportunity to be involved in summer missions. In July of 2007, a group of 15 students took a 12-day trip to Peru. For Bryan McCormick, the current BSU president, going on this trip was an incredible experience that he will never forget. For the students who committed to go, it was more than a vacation or getting time off work, it was about waking up each morning ready to give it all they had.

But the work they put into it didn't even compare to the blessings they received in return. The students were able to share their faith with countless numbers of people from the streets of Lima to a prison in Chachapoyas.

"Going to the prison was one of the coolest things for me," said McCormick. "One time in particular it was really obvious that God was at work. We were in a maximum security prison getting ready to share our testimonies when three or four men came walking in with instruments. None of us really knew what to expect, but the next thing we knew the men began to play, sing, and praise God with everything they had. Everyone around started clapping and singing. It was really cool.

"We were able to minister to the people of Peru in so many different ways. From providing children with parasitic medicine to simply starting conversations with people we met on the street."

After it was all said and done, giving up two weeks out of their summer, for the students who went, was extremely worth their while. Twenty people made a profession of faith while the BSU was in Peru. Another trip is scheduled for the summer of 2008 to continue the work that they have started.

Anybody who attends Northwest can travel with BSU on mission trips. There are long- and short-term trips available and they go around the globe.

Applications are available upon request at the Baptist Student Union on the Senatobia campus and are due around Thanksgiving. For more information contact Rev. Tom McLaughlin @ 562-6168.

— By Megan Murray

Current BSU president Bryan McCormick poses with local residents. (top)

McCormick enjoys Peru's scenic landscape.(center and above)

The group stops in Chachapoyas, Peru Town Square on July 16. (below)

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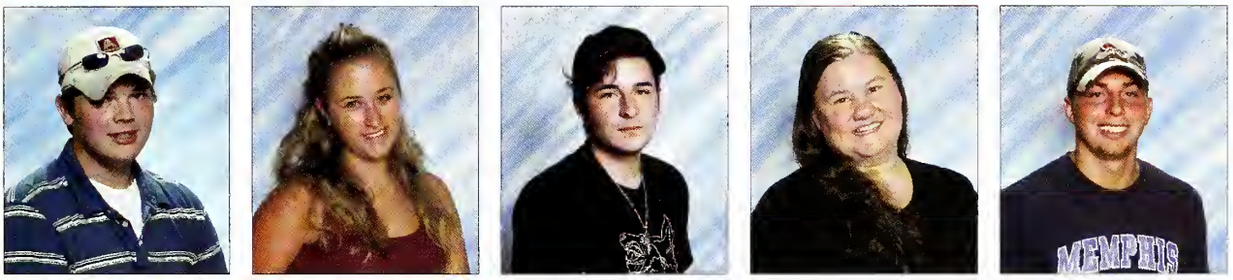

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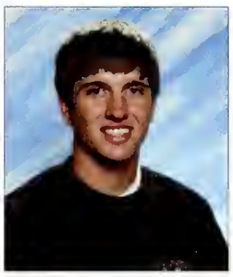

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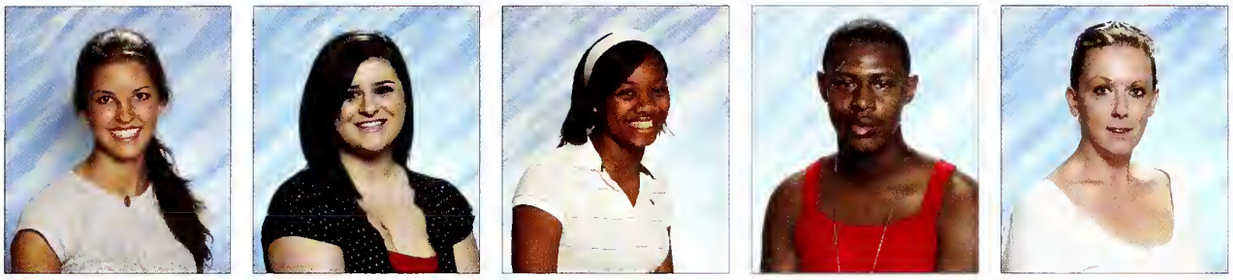

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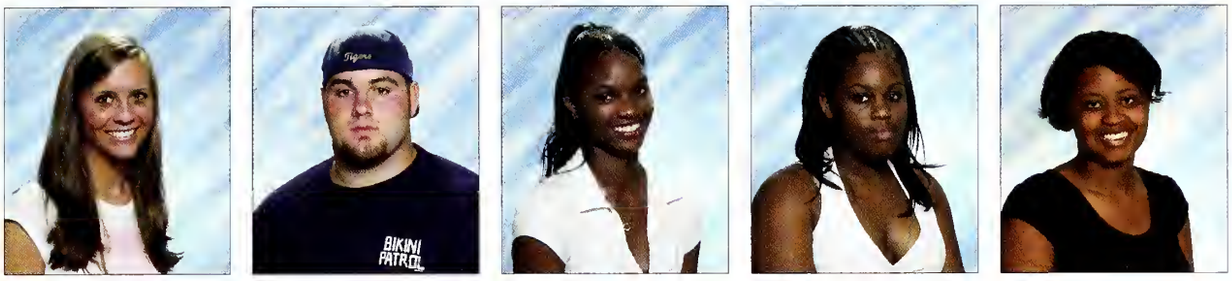

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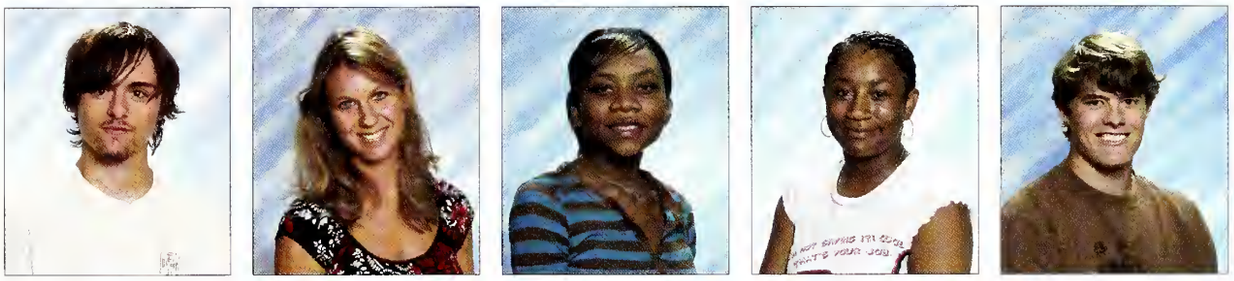

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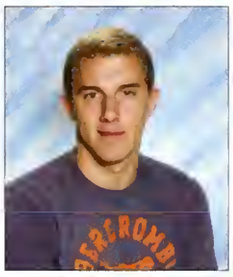

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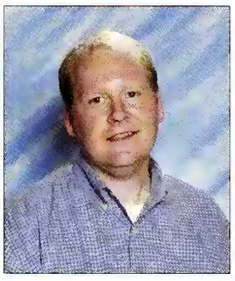

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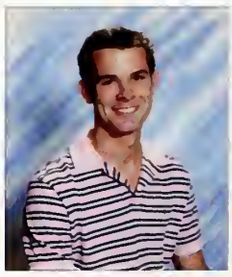

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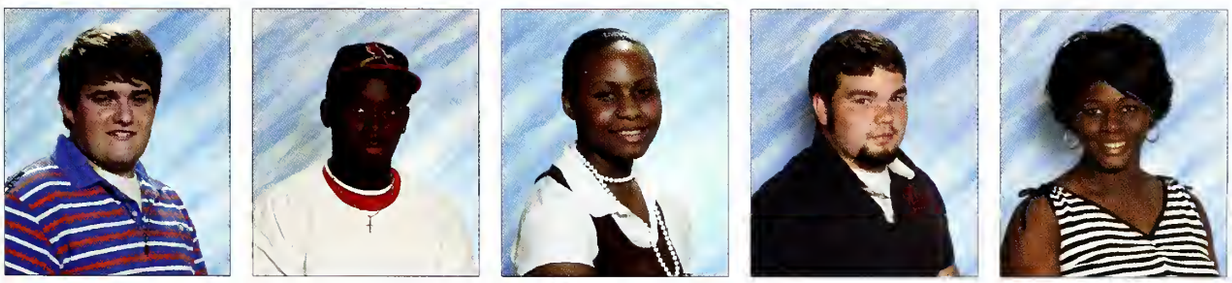

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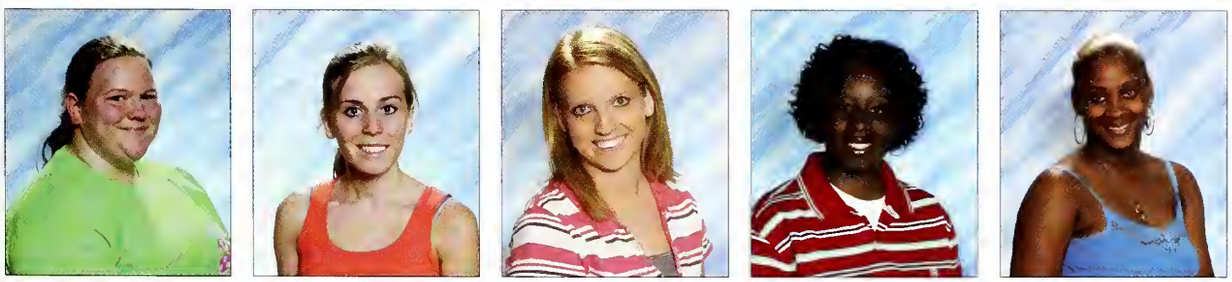

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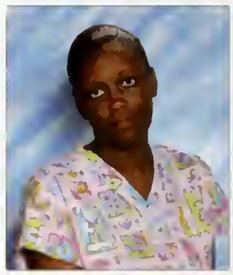

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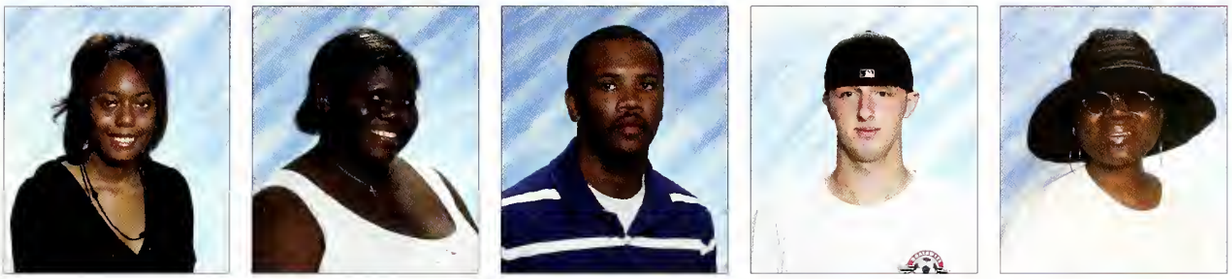

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Moneika King
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Mary Land

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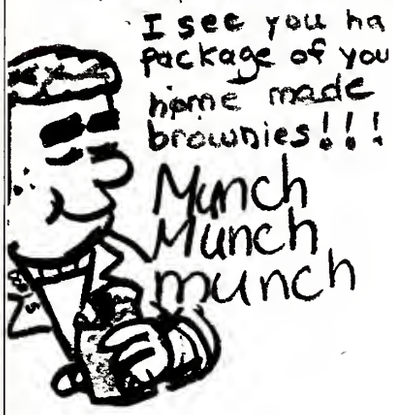
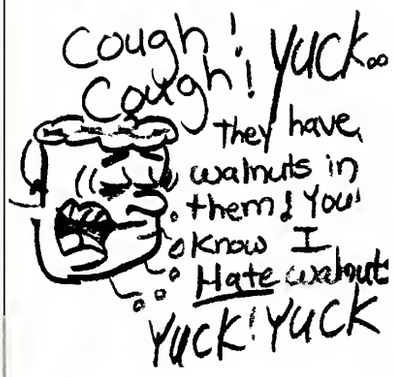
A cartoonist in the making





Local artist Kyle Robinzine of Batesville has been blessed with an exceptional talent—drawing. His dreams and aspirations to develop this artistic skill to the fullest inspired Kyle, a 21-year-old Art major from Indianapolis to create the comic strip *Are You Coming to Class?* for Northwest's *Ranger Rocket.*

"I want to bring my characters to life; I relate real life events and situations into my artwork, it makes the characters come to life."

Kyle draws inspiration from artist Charles Schulz, creator of the well-known *Peanuts* characters. Kyle plans to attend the Indianapolis Art School upon graduating from Northwest.

— By Wes Grilliette

Robinzine

Robinzine's work has been published in the *Ranger Rocket.* (right and below)

Robinzine created *Are You Coming to Class?* for Northwest's *Ranger Rocket.* (left)

Myles Ledet
Bobby Ledford
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Karlisha Lee
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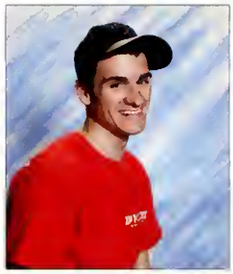

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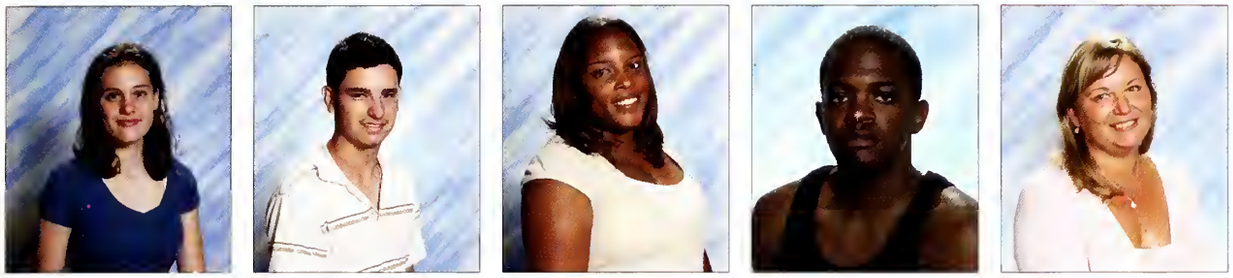

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Kristyn Mathis

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Kokola McJunkins

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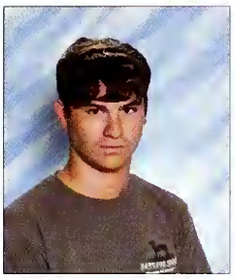

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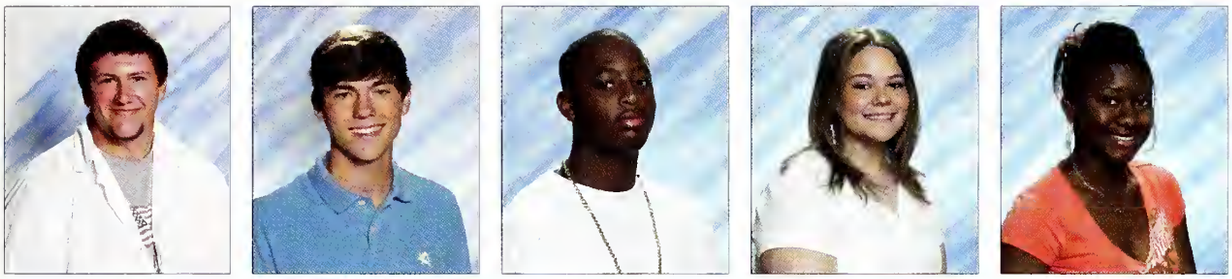

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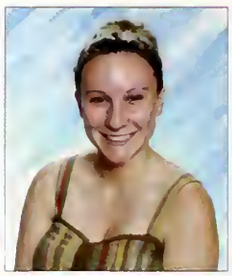

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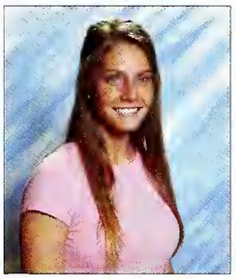

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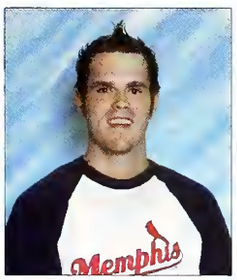

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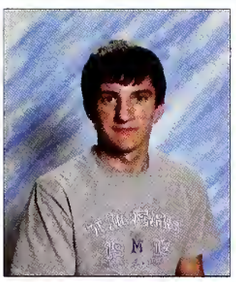

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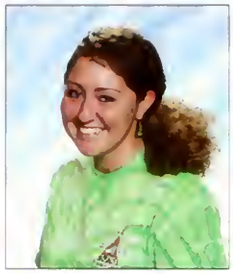

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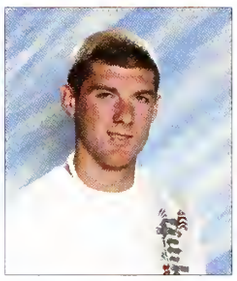

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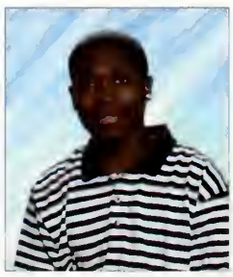

ΦΘΚ THETA SIGMA CHAPTER

These students do not play when it comes to their schoolwork. The hard work that these students have put forth has landed them in the prestigious society of Phi Theta Kappa. Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest, largest, and most respected honor society serving two-year colleges around the world. It has chapters in British Virgin Islands, Canada, Germany, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, United Arab Emirates, Palau, all 50 of the United States, and U.S. territories.

Northwest's Senatobia campus chapter, Theta Sigma, was established in 1956. This year the Theta Sigma chapter charted a new direction by encouraging the members to participate actively in the daily functions of the organization, and having the students run the majority of the planned meetings and activities, such as community service projects.

To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed 12 hours of course work leading to an associate's degree with at least a 3.5 grade point average. They must be invited into the chapter and adhere to the moral standards of society. Only the top 10 percent of Northwest students are even eligible for this organization.

Phi Theta Kappa members have the privilege to take advantage of many benefits the fraternity has to offer. There is over $36 million in transfer scholarships at more than 600 senior institutions. That is the main advantage of this organization and what makes a member strive to keep his or her membership, but the students are also eligible for other benefits including an instant increase in starting pay in some federal occupations, discounts on hotels, books, financial advice and computers.

— Leeds Hackman, Deputy Historian

New Theta Sigma chapter inductees actively participate in the daily functions of the organization. (Photo by Leeds Hackman)

Daniel Franco
(President)

Wyatt Lydolph
(Vice President)

Derandy Butler
(Parlimentarian)

Leeds Hackman
(Deputy Historian)

Community Service

In October, Phi Theta Kappa organized and teamed up with the math club and Dr. Kim Hamilton-Wims' science classes to spend the day clearing flower beds at Arkabutla Lake, and afterwards enjoyed a small cookout at the park. Helping the community has always been a tradition of Phi Theta Kappa and the Theta Sigma chapter is trying to keep it alive.

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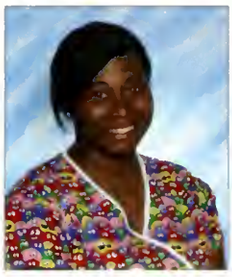
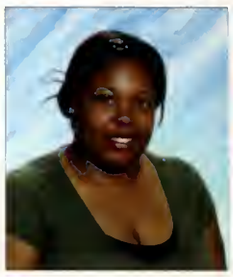
Lance Stribling
Logan Strickland
Kiara Stricklen





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Carrie Tanksley
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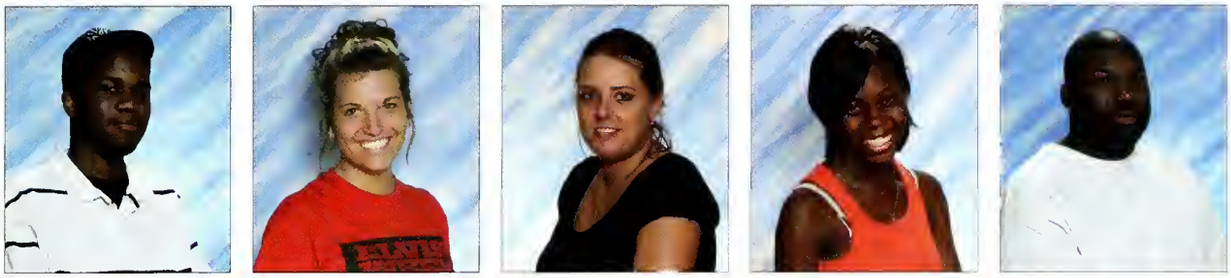

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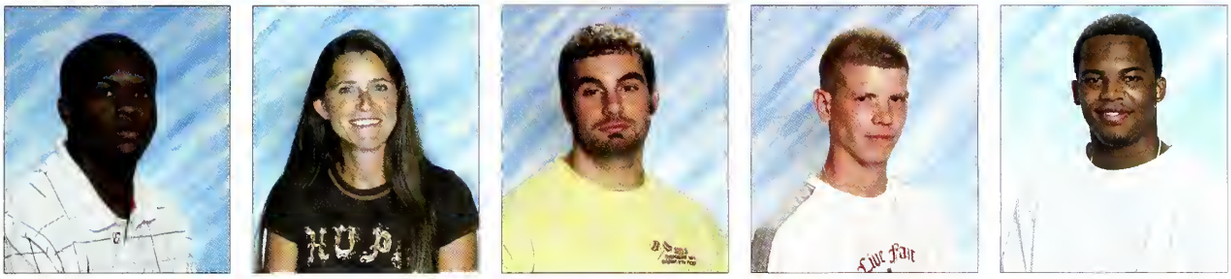

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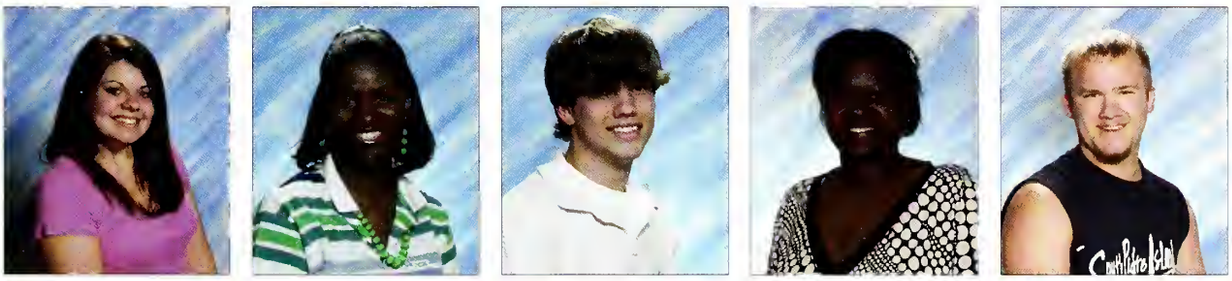

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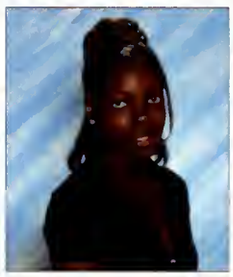
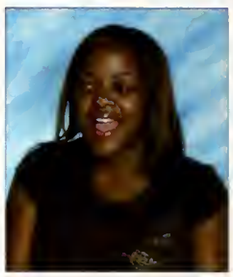

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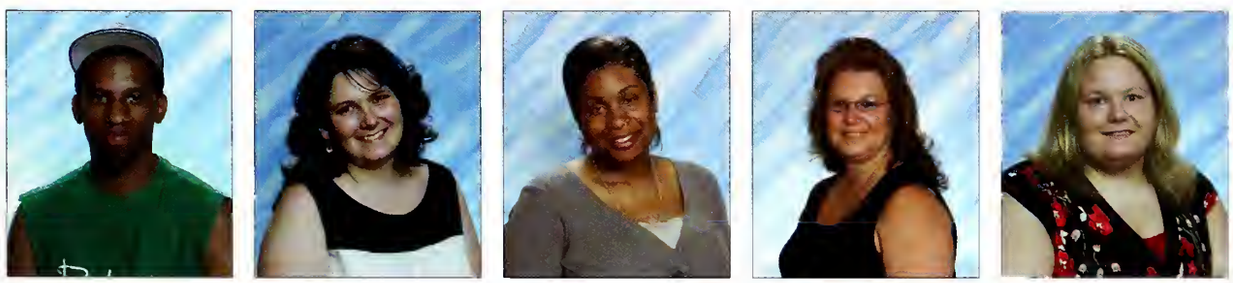

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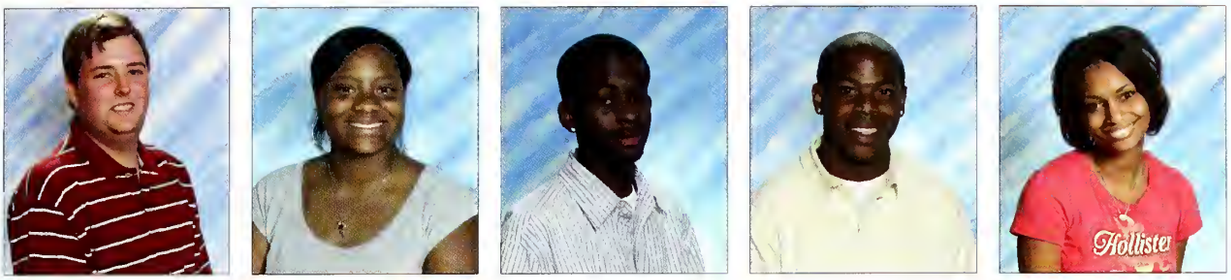

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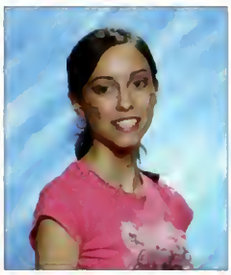

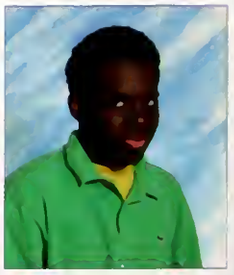

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Local emergency responders conduct shooter exercise

Local emergency responders from Tate County, Senatobia and Northwest conducted a full-scale exercise on Northwest's campus on Monday, Oct. 10. The scenario, which involved a "shooter" coming to the campus, took place in the Agricultural Technology Building. Instructors and students from the Emergency Medical Technology program acted as "hotages" and "victims" in the exercise.

According to Kenny Kopf, director of the Tate County Emergency Management Agency, every four years the Tate County Local Emergency Planning Committee (TCLEPC) is required by the Federal Emeregency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct a full-scale exercise to test the county's rsponse in the case of a disaster, natural or man-made. The purpose of this exercise is to ensure that first responders are working together in all areas of response, including communications and logistics.

Dan Smith, vice president for Student Affairs, was pleased with the results of the exercise. "I'm very glad we did the exercise. Overall, it went well, but we found some areas in our county response that need improvements, and we would never have discovered those areas without it," he said.

Responders who were involved included Northwest Campus Police, Senatobia Police, Tate County Sheriff's Department and SWAT team, Tate County Emergency Medical Services, North Oak Regional Medical Center, the Senatobia Fire Department, the Mississippi Highway Patrol, and the Panola's County Sheriff's Department.

Members of the Tate County Sherrif's SWAT team head toward the Agricultural Technology Building to take down the "shooter" during the full-scale exercise Oct. 10. The county worked with the Campus Police Department to practice their response in the case of a shooter on the campus.

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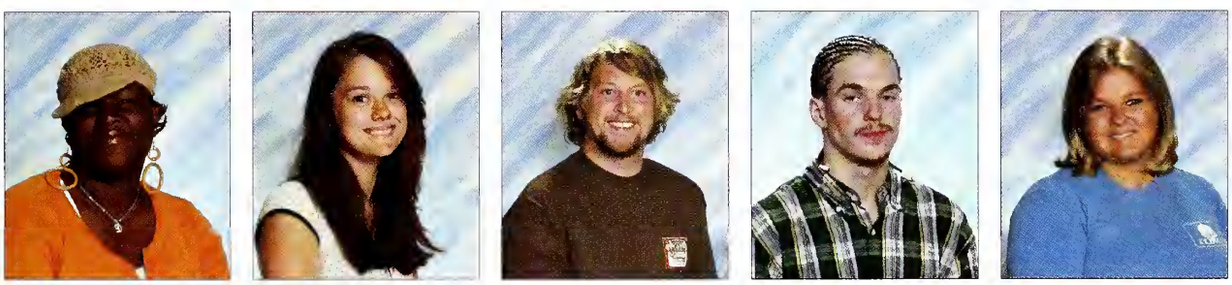

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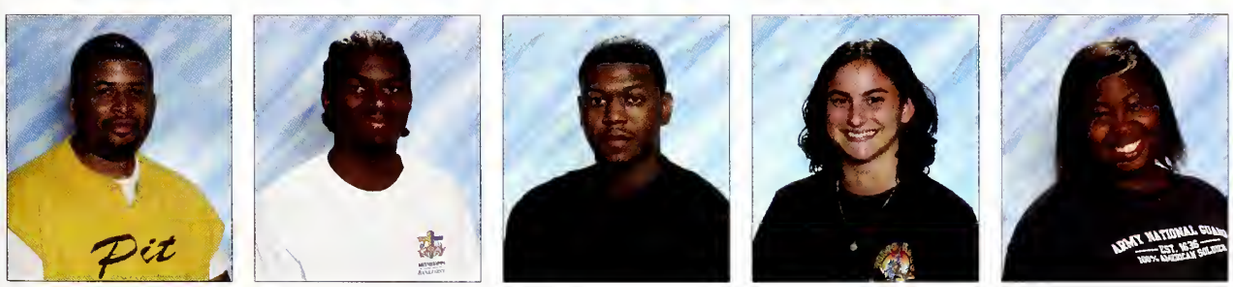

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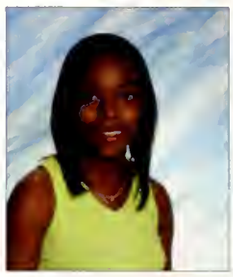

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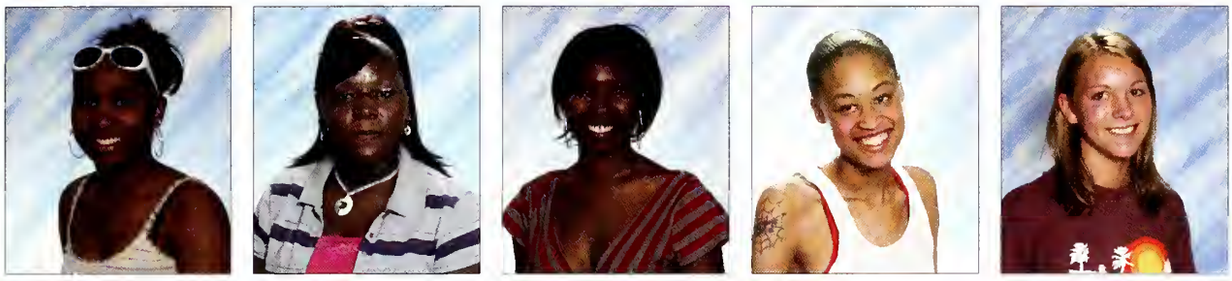

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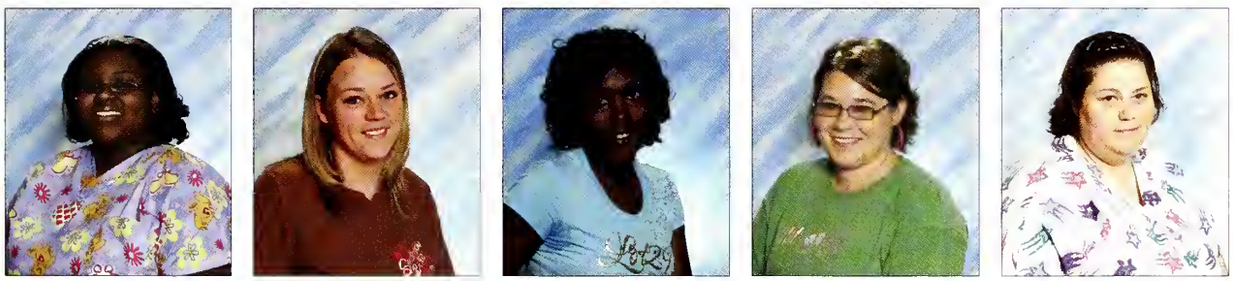

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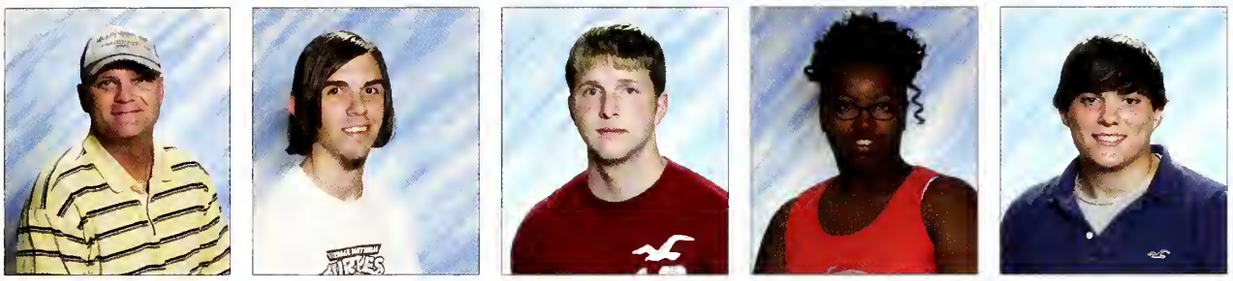

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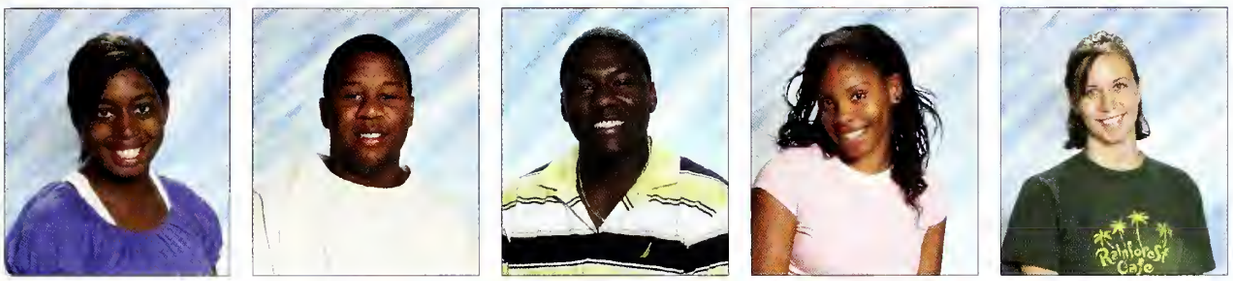

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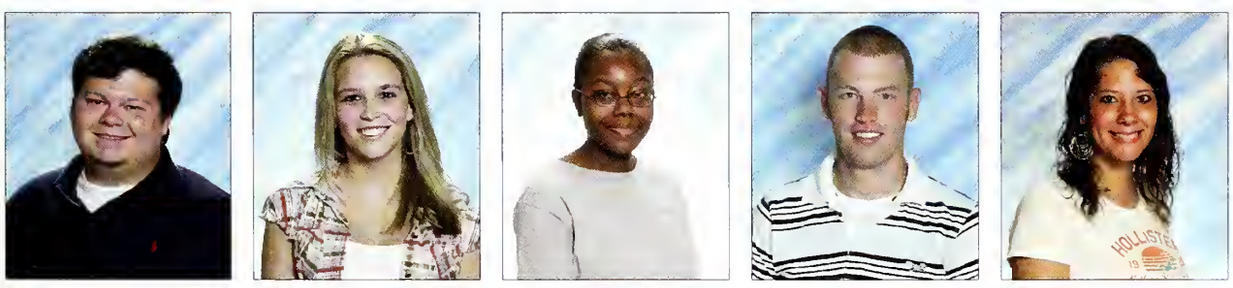

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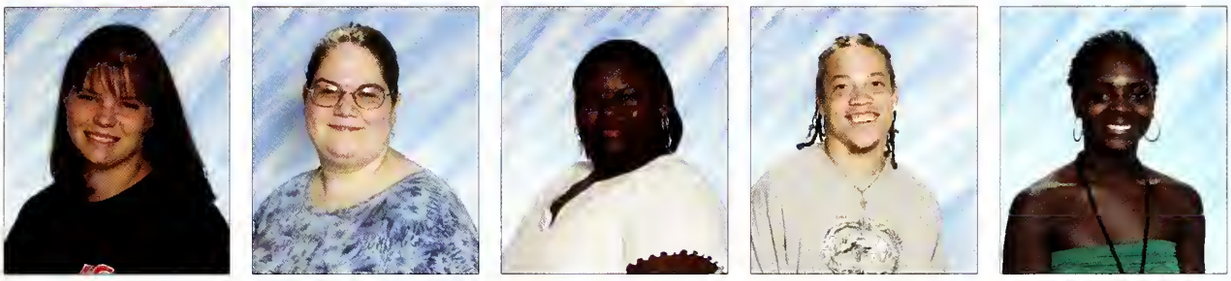

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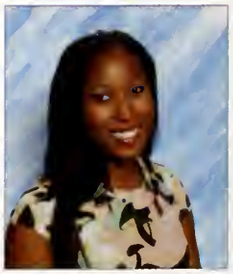

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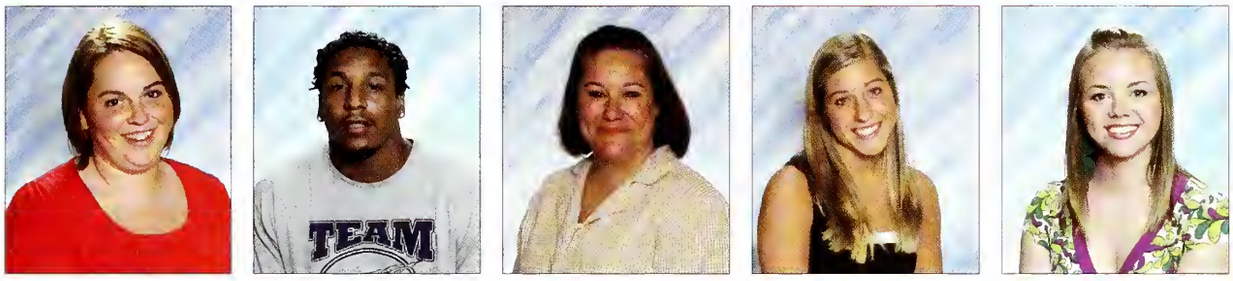

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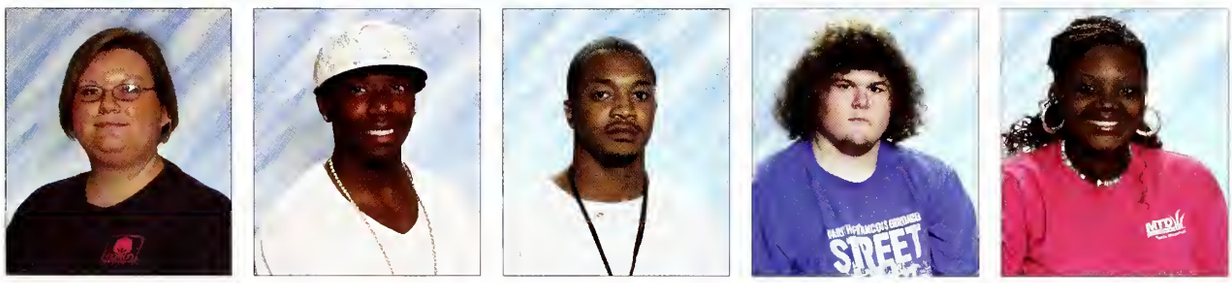

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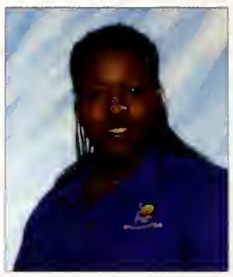

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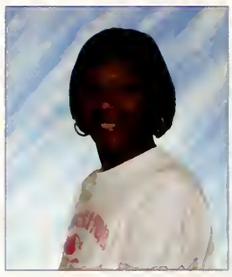

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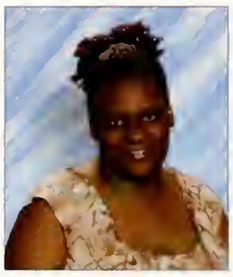
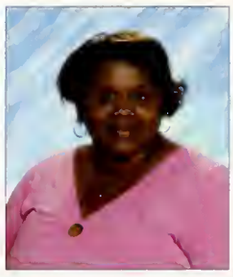



A Lasting Contribution

Amory native and Northwest student Jessi McCormick joined the Marines at 18 to pursue a career in law enforcement as a military police officer.

Military relatives including two grandfathers, several uncles, and a cousin who all served in the Marines as well as her American pride inspired McCormick to join the Marines. However, McCormick credits a local law enforcement officer who let her ride along as he patrolled, as the biggest influence on her career.

"At that moment, I knew it was all I would ever want to do," McCormick explains. McCormick took this pride and turned it into excitement when she joined.

McCormick faced her biggest challenge when she was sent to Iraq for eight months in Aug. 2004, to provide security for the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team (EOD). Excitement still pulsed through her veins, but fear slowly replaced the initial excitement.

She vividly remembers seeing the horrors of war. Twenty rockets a day and buildings blowing up became common sights. Even the cafeteria McCormick would dine in wasn't spared. Her most fearful experience, however, was when her group found a daisy chain of fake IED's near a Mosque in Kabala in the Al-Anbar province.

"I was scared, because it sounded like a retaliation was about to start," McCormick recalls. Soon after, a real chain of IEDs exploded. McCormick unknowingly kept herself and several troops out of harm's way when she stopped the truck she was driving; her truck shielded the trucks behind her from the explosion.

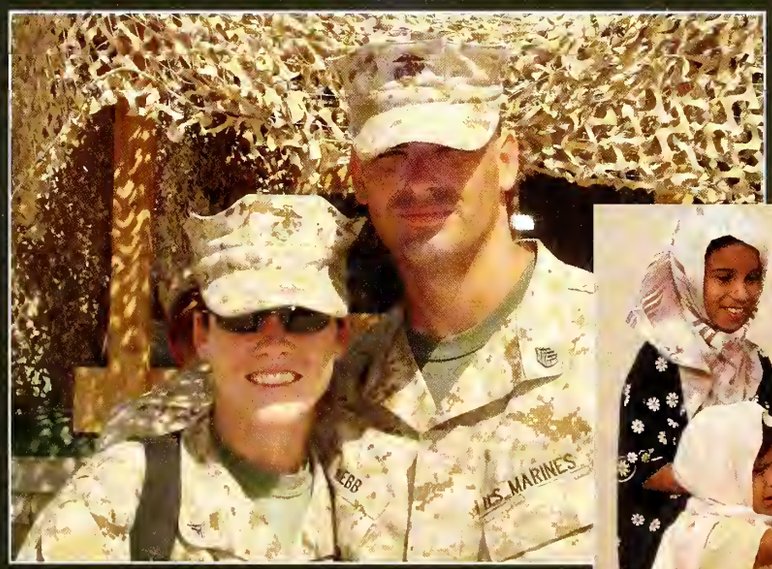
McCormick returned to Iraq the next August for another eight-month period. This time, she had a tale of hope and enlightenment when a group of children in Hobanea showed their gratitude to the American troops by helping McCormick. Every time she went to Hobanea, these children would run in excitement towards her screaming "Jessi! Jessi!"

McCormick then gladly distributed Jolly Rancher candy to them in return for their help in locating bombs.

"These kids knew we were there to help them, and in return they helped us," McCormick says. "Most of the people in Iraq like us being there, but are just afraid to voice their opinions in fear of what might happen to them."

McCormick, now safely back home recently began her college career at Northwest. She chose Northwest because it was her goal to play softball and since last year's team had a school history-breaking season, she believed it was the best choice.

As for being back in school, McCormick exclaims, "I'm ecstatic!"



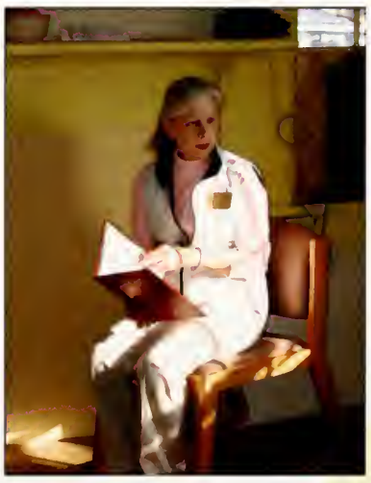
McCormick (below) hands out Jolly Ranchers to Hobanean children in Iraq. (Photo courtesy of Jessi McCormick)

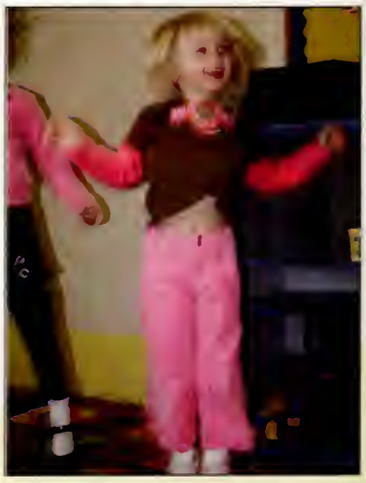
Jessi McCormick, pictured with her cousin David a fellow Marine (top left), has been deployed to Iraq twice to provide security for the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team. (Photo courtesy of Jessi McCormick)

Northwest's youngest generation

Children attending Northwest's Child Enrichment Center are (seated) Avery Hissong, Abbey Davis, Kylan King, Kaylin Dickerson, John Thomas Ungurait; (standing) Lucy Denton, Lucia Booker, Mark Lawson Tims, TJ Dickerson, Martha Chandler Riley and Anna Nickens.

Instructors in the Child Development Technology Program are Dr. Alice Camp and Judy Barham.





Anna Nickens (left) and Abbey Davis (right) participate in an activity while Laboratory Assistant Penny Potts reads at storytime.

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

— Stacia Tauscher

Lucy Denton, Lucia Booker, and Kaylin Dickerson snap their fingers to "If You're Happy and You Know It."

Standard of Excellence

Retirees honored at the annual Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony and Reception May 3 are (l to r) Steve McClellan, workforce development coordinator; Ruby Brooks, food service; Ruby Lee Hassell, food service; Dr. Jerry Hollis, biology department chairman and instructor; and Lane Tutor, art department chairman and instructor.

The 2007 *Rocketeer* is dedicated to the memory of journalism instructor Scarlet Lawrence-Akins, who died in August, 2006. Accepting the book from Nancy Patterson, director of Public Relations, and Matt Burrowes, 2007 *Rocketeer* editor, are Scarlet's mother, Cheryl Moore and husband Jody Akins.

40 years of service—special recognition— Dr. Jack Butts, seated, dean of Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center, is congratulated for his 40 years of service by Chairman of the Board of Trustees M. Clarence Sparks Jr. (left) and Northwest President, Dr. Gary Lee Spears. Dr. Butts received a rocking chair, complete with the Northwest seal and an inscription. Days later, he was honored by the Board when the annex on the Oxford campus was named the Dr. Jack Butts Building.

Not pictured are: Retirees—Sally Askew, James Farrow, Judy Lane Morris, Martha Mote, Charisse Reed, Bill Sumrall and Marilyn Walker; 30 years—Marilyn Walker; 20 years—Pamela Cates, Henry Lee Pipkin, Amy Shaw; 15 Years—Regina Clark; 10 Years—Reneace Gardner, Leelee Haraway, Roy Hunt, Sandra McCrary, Pamela White; 5 Years—Saundra Bishop, Dixon Bynum, Jeremy Massey, Katherine Mistilis, Leigh Nelson.

35 years–Joe Broadway

20 years–Florrey Brownlee, Patti Williams, Faye Massey, Wayne Ferguson, Amy Latham

15 years–Jane Pegram, Ruby Lee Hassell, Dr. Sandra Banham, Leah Arrington, Robin Robison

30 years–Russell Lott, Sheila Dandridge, Jackie Brown

10 years–Dawn Stevens, Brenda Hood, Virginia Green, Tina Carrington, Sybil Canon; (back row) Barbara Young, Cathy Moore, Randy Moore, Al Dodson, Jennifer Casey

25 years–Larry Broadway

5 years–Cindy Pierce, Anne Smith, Marshall Creacy, James Neal, DeElla Meeks, Danny Ray Cole; (back row) Heidi Riley, Susan Meriwether, Sharon Medlin, Larry Edwards, Mitchell Higganbothan, Keith Coleman, Donna Harvey, Amanda Clanton, James Brown, Tim Chavez, Lisa Briscoe

EDITOR

LIZZY GRAY

My original plan for my life did not include Northwest, nor was yearbook anywhere in the picture. I was just sure that right after high school I would move off to New York, study fashion, and live the glamorous life I had always thought I wanted. As I look back now, I see that God had a very different plan for me. After a week and a half in Ambato, Ecuador, I realized what I was really passionate for: missions. As much as I am still fascinated by the world of high fashion, it in no way compares to the fire that burns within me for the world around us in need.

With all that being said, I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather be than here. Being able to work on this yearbook has been such a privilege and an honor, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. From working on stubborn layouts that seemed impossible to pull together, to waiting for what seemed like ages to get the copy and the pictures just perfect, it has all been more than worth it.

There are so many people I need to thank. I am so grateful to Ms. Nancy, Ms. Renate, Ms. Julie, and Ms. LaJuan, for all of the amazing work they have done and for the opportunity they gave me to come on board.

To Ms. Renate, you are so precious to me! I have learned so much from you. Even in stressful times, you never cease to keep me laughing! To Ms. Nancy, I admire your determination and your ability to keep your cool under pressure. Thank you bunches for all you do!

To the staff, thank you so much for your hard work and dedication. You have made this book what it is. To Marc, you are such an inspiration to me. Hannah and Katie, you are so dear to my heart. GG and Gramps, you mean more to me than you could ever know. And lastly, to my sweet family and to Pheobe, I love you all so much. You are my security. Thank you for all your support.

To the reader, I hope you cherish this book the way that I do. It has been such a pleasure and a blessing to be a part of it. In more ways than I can count, this experience has certainly made a lasting impression on me. It is my hope that this book has done the same for you.

With all my love,

Lizzy

Note: Megan Murray served as editor for part of the fall semester.

A Lasting Impression

Design

The 2008 *Rocketeer* cover was designed by the *Rocketeer* staff and advisers.

Cover

Cover is produced in Red Matte 120 with debossing and clear varnish on the design and white silkscreen on the text.

Endsheets

Endsheets are Royal Fiber White Stock.

Fonts

Body copy is set in Arial 10 point. Captions are set in Hoefler Text 10 point. Other display fonts are used for headings. Fonts on the cover are in Edwardian Script and Copperplate Gothic Bold.

Preparation

Pages were produced in InDesign CS2 and artwork was done in Photoshop 7.0. The staff designed the pages using two G5 Power Macintosh computers provided by a grant from the Mississippi Press Association Education Foundation.

Photographs

Photographs were made by the *Rocketeer* student staff members using Canon Rebel digital cameras.
Stroud Photography of Southaven made class photos. Board of Trustees photographs were taken by Morehead Photography.
Official *Rocketeer* photographer is Bobi Foster.

Pages

The *Rocketeer* contains 224 pages, all produced in 4-color process. Pages are 9 by 12 inches in size. Paper used is 100-pound enamel.

Production Year

Events that happened after February 18, 2008, will be covered in the 2009 *Rocketeer*. The final deadline for this yearbook was March 4, 2008. Distribution occurs in the spring, prior to graduation.

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